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Quick Reference Numbers

All numbers are area code 703 unless otherwise noted.

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Emergency

Fire and medical.....	911
Police.....	911
Poison Control Center	(800) 222-1222
Water	
Business hours.....	385-7920
TTY.....	359-2480, 711
After hours.....	385-7924
TTY.....	359-2480, 711

TTY Service

Virginia Relay Center	711
VRC (additional service: voice).....	(800) 828-1140
VRC (additional service: TTY)	(800) 828-1120

City Offices

City Clerk's Office	385-7935
City Manager's Office.....	385-7850
Code Administration.....	385-7830
Commissioner of the Revenue.....	385-7880
Community Relations	385-7855
Cultural Arts	352-ARTS
Fire (non-emergency).....	385-7940
Historic Resources.....	273-5452
Human Services	385-7894
Parks and Recreation	385-7858
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Voter Registration	385-7890

Frequently Used Services

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Birth certificates	(804) 662-6200
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CUE Bus	385-7859
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Deeds.....	691-7320

Divorce information	691-7320
Dog licenses.....	385-7900
Estate administration, probate.....	691-7320
Health Department	246-2411
Job Line (city government)	385-7861
Land records.....	691-7320
Marriage licenses	691-7320
Notary services (in City Hall)	385-7855
Recycling information	385-7995
School enrollment	876-5219
Tax rate information	385-7880
Tax payments.....	385-7900
Tourism	273-6097
Trash/refuse collection.....	385-7837
Vehicle decals	385-7880
Voter registration.....	385-7890
Wills, estate administration	691-7320

Hotlines - 24 hours

Adult Protective Services.....	324-7450
Child Protective Services.....	324-7400
CrisisLink.....	527-4077
Decal Violation Hotline	385-7800
Rape Crisis Hotline.....	360-7273
Victim Assistance Network.....	360-7273
Women's Shelter.....	435-4940
Woodburn Mental Health Emergency Line	573-5679

Utilities

City of Fairfax water and sewer service	385-7920
Cox Communications.....	378-8422
Dominion Virginia Power (electricity)	(888) 667-3000
Miss Utility.....	8-1-1, (800) 552-7001
Verizon	
new service	954-6222
repair (lines)	(800) 275-2355
Washington Gas	750-1000

General Information

Department of Motor Vehicles.....	(804) 497-7100
Fairfax County government (main).....	324-3185
Fairfax County Police (non-emergency).....	691-2131
Health and Human Services	211
U.S. Postal Service (all branches).....	(800) 275-8777
Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs	(800) 552-9963

Notes

2-1-1 Northern Virginia callers may dial 2-1-1 for information and referrals regarding local health and human services. 2-1-1 is answered 24 hours a day, every day. Information also is available on the Web at www.211virginia.org.

City residents may directly contact the city's human services coordinator; 703-385-7894.

See also: Human Services.

5-1-1 Dial 5-1-1- for real-time traffic conditions (and weather conditions) throughout the Commonwealth from the Virginia Department of Transportation by dialing 5-1-1. Information also is available on the Web at www.511virginia.org and via an app for Apple and Android.

7-1-1 By dialing 7-1-1, the public may use the Virginia Relay Center (VRC) for TTY service. A VRC relay operator relays conversations between people who use text telephones and those who use voice telephones. Calls are kept in strict confidence. VRC provides free service 24 hours a day, every day.

All city government offices can be contacted via this service. Additionally, the City of Fairfax Police Department has a dedicated TTY line for both emergency and non-emergency calls: 703-359-2480.

8-1-1 Before excavating anywhere in the city, please call Miss Utility of Virginia at 8-1-1 (or 1-800-552-7001). This information is electronically delivered to member utilities, which mark their facilities or employ a contract locator to perform their locates.

The Virginia Utility Protection Service, commonly called Miss Utility of Virginia, is the not-for-profit organization created by Virginia's utilities to protect their underground facilities. Information: (800) 552-7001; www.missutilityofvirginia.com.

9-1-1 Dial 9-1-1 (voice/TTY) for all public safety emergencies.

A

Adopt-a-Spot Individuals, civic groups, businesses, service groups and other members of the Fairfax community can help keep the city clean by “adopting” a spot. Participants must pledge to clean their particular area within the city limits at least four times a year for at least two years. The city recognizes this effort by placing a sign identifying the participants at the site.

The city must approve the site. Participants may choose a spot or receive site recommendations from the city. Information: 703-385-7995.

Adoption For information on adopting children, call Fairfax County Family Services, 12011 Government Center Parkway; 703-324-7639; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

To file for private adoption, contact the Fairfax County Circuit Court, Fairfax County Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road; 703-691-7320, then press 3, 1, 0; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

AIDS/HIV Testing Free anonymous testing is available at the Joseph Willard Health Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway; 703-246-7100; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

See also: Health Department, Health Services.

Airports The city is served by three major airports.

Washington Dulles International Airport, located about 14 miles west of the city, is accessible from I-66 and the Dulles Toll Road; 703-572-2700; www.metwashairports.com/Dulles.

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport is about 17 miles east of the city and is accessible from I-395, I-66 and the Metrorail system; 703-417-8000; www.metwashairports.com/National.

Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport is in Baltimore, about 54 miles north of the City of Fairfax off the Baltimore-Washington Parkway;

Alarm Ordinance See: *Security Alarm Ordinance*.

Alcoholism See: *Substance Abuse*.

Ambulance For emergency medical service and ambulance service, call 9-1-1 (voice/TTY). Emergency ambulance service is provided by the fire department.

The City of Fairfax Fire Department charges insurance companies for transport in city ambulances. Individuals who are uninsured will receive a bill for the ambulance service. Those without an ability to pay may submit a form to request a waiver of payment. Information: 703-385-7940.

Amphitheater Located on the west lawn of City Hall, the Veterans Amphitheater is host to a variety of outdoor concerts and festivities, including the Summer Concert Series, which features performances by the City of Fairfax Band and its ensembles.

The amphitheater may be rented by the community for some private and public events. Call the City Manager's Office; 703-385-7850.

See also: *Concerts*.

Animals Dogs age four months and older must be vaccinated against rabies and licensed. Licenses, available in the Treasurer's Office, are due by January 31 each year. The cost is \$5 per year for a spayed or neutered dog and \$10 per year for an unaltered dog. Owners must present the rabies vaccination certification and, if applicable, proof that the animal has been altered. License may be purchased for the number of years rabies vaccinations are valid. Information: 703-385-7900.

In the city, the number of dogs allowed at a single residence is based on lot size. One or two dogs may live at a residence regardless of any size. Owners must have at least 7,500 square feet to house three dogs. For four dogs, residents must have a lot size of 12,500 square feet or more. No more than four dogs may live at a single address in the city. All dogs age four months and older who live in the city are required to be licensed by the city.

The city also has a leash law and a "pooper-scooper law" for dogs, enforced by the animal control officer.

Dogs found roaming at large by an animal control officer are confined at Town and Country Animal Hospital, 9836 Fairfax Boulevard, for their owners to claim. Dogs are held for seven to 12 days, after which they are put up for adoption or euthanized, depending on the amount of space available for strays at the hospital. Those who suspect their dog has been picked up by the animal control officer should call City of Fairfax Police Department at 703-385-7924. To find out what animals are available for adoption from the city, call 703-385-7919.

Cats and ferrets must be vaccinated against rabies but are not licensed.

Cats and wild animals are picked up only if they are injured or if they pose a threat to humans or other domesticated animals.

The City of Fairfax has an ordinance prohibiting exotic or wild animals.

For information about animals in the city or to report violations of animal laws, call 703-385-7924.

Animal control officers enforce laws dealing with domestic and wild animals, investigate complaints of cruelty and neglect to animals, quarantine animals and assist in the removal of stray animals from streets and public areas. If an animal control officer is not available, police will investigate bite cases and barking dog complaints.

The city's Public Works Department will pick up dead animals on most public city roads; 703-385-7980.

Owners are responsible for the disposal of their deceased animals by having the animals' bodies cremated, buried or otherwise disposed of in accordance with health department laws. Information: 703-385-7924.

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, accepts small deceased animals for cremation; 703-830-1100; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Arborist To obtain names of local certified arborists, call the Middle Atlantic Chapter International Society of Arboriculture at 703-753-0499; www.mac-isa.org.

Architectural Review See: *Building Alterations, Inspections and Permits*.

Arts The City of Fairfax has an active, vibrant art community with many special events, programs, festivals, galleries and more that celebrate art in its various forms. The city often teams up with surrounding jurisdictions, organizations and schools, including George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College and Fairfax County Public Library, just to name a few. For information, contact the city's Cultural Arts and Marketing Office; 703-352-ARTS.

See also: *Art League; Band; Colleges and Universities; Concerts; Cultural Arts and Marketing; Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts; Fall Festival; Fall for the Book; Farmers Markets; Holiday Craft Show*.

Art League The Fairfax Art League is comprised of local artists whose works are displayed and sold at the art league's gallery on the second floor of Old Town Hall and in the league's Old Town Village gallery. Membership is open to all artists. Information: 703-352-ARTS; www.fairfaxartleague.com.

Assessments See: *Real Estate Assessments; Personal Property Tax; Taxes*.

Assisted Living Residences For information about long-term care services, call Fairfax County Department of Family Services; 703-324-7948; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

See also: *Hospitals, Health Facilities*.

Athletic Groups Fairfax County maintains lists of adult leagues for a myriad of sports, including softball, flag football, volleyball, lacrosse, rugby, basketball and soccer. Most leagues have men's, women's and co-ed teams. For information, call the Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services at 703-324-5533; www.fairfaxcounty.gov. Residents also may join the Fairfax County Church Softball Cooperative League. Information: 703-913-9594; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Children can participate in sports with a number of organizations.

See also: *Children*.

Attorney, Commonwealth's See: *Commonwealth's Attorney*.

Attorneys Residents can locate an attorney through a number of resources.

The Fairfax Bar Lawyer Referral and Information Service has a list of local attorneys. For a \$40 fee, the service will set up a 30-minute consultation with an attorney who is a member of the Fairfax Bar Association; 703-778-6800; www.fairfaxbar.org.

Legal Services of Northern Virginia provides income-eligible city residents with legal assistance in civil matters and domestic cases; 703-246-4500; www.lsnv.org.

Seniors may receive legal assistance from *ElderLaw*; 703-532-3733.

The Women's Center, a non-profit private organization in Vienna, also maintains a list of attorneys. The Women's Center is located at 133 Park Street, NE, Vienna; 703-281-2657; www.thewomenscenter.org.

In criminal cases, the court can provide a court-appointed attorney at no cost to a defendant if the defendant cannot afford one.

Automobiles Within 30 days of moving into/within the City of Fairfax or obtaining a new vehicle, residents must obtain a Virginia driver's license and/or vehicle title and registration (or change their addresses on existing ones) with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Information: (804) 497-7100; www.dmv.state.va.us.

Within 60 days of moving into/within the city or obtaining a new vehicle, residents must register their vehicles with the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue for personal property taxes and must obtain a city vehicle decal.

Accidents — Automobile accidents that occur in the city must be reported to the City of Fairfax Police Department; 703-385-7924. Based on the amount of damage and the result of the investigation, the police may or may not file a report. When reports are made, vehicle owners, drivers or insurance companies may obtain a copy of the accident

report from police records; 703-385-7950.

Child safety seats — The City of Fairfax Police recommend all children younger than age 12 riding in a vehicle be properly restrained in the vehicle's rear seat using safety seats and restraint devices (seat belts, etc.) approved for their ages and sizes.

Additionally, Virginia law requires children younger than age 8 to be in safety seats. Safety seats may not be installed in front seats of vehicles unless the vehicle does not have front seat air bags or the safety device may be shut off. Information: 703-273-2889.

Commercial parking in residential zones — Residents may park one commercial vehicle and one trailer in their private driveway as long as the vehicle does not advertise a business located at the residence where it is parked. No commercial vehicles may be parked on public or private streets in a residential zone. Commercial vehicles may be parked on the street while providing service to a nearby residence. Information: 703-385-7975.

Decals — All vehicles garaged in the City of Fairfax must display a city registration decal. Decals are sold in the Treasurer's Office and must be renewed by October 5 each year. The fees are \$33 for cars and trucks and \$18 for motorcycles. Prices are prorated after April 1. Military personnel living in the city whose legal residence is not Virginia are exempt from paying the fee but must obtain and display a decal. Information: 703-385-7900.

People may make confidential reports of decal violations to the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office through Project Discovery; visit the city's website or call 703-385-7884.

Driver's license, license plates, registration, title — State license plates, driver's licenses, registrations and titles are available from the DMV; (804) 497-7100. You may order from the DMV a special license plate featuring the city seal, which may be personalized; proceeds from the sale of that license plate benefit the city's historic resources.

The nearest full-service DMV Customer Service Center is at Fair Oaks Mall, located west of the city at the intersection of Route 50 and I-66.

The City of Fairfax offers limited DMV services from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays) in the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue; 703-385-7880. *The DMV office in City Hall does not issue state driver licenses or ID cards.*

The following services are available in the city DMV:

- Titles: original, substitute, replacement, maintenance
- Registration: original, renewal, transfer, re-issue, surrender
- Special or personalized license plate requests
- Trip or overload permits
- Original handicapped parking placards
- Voter registration applications
- Driver transcript requests
- Title and registration transactions for dealers
- Name and address changes that do not involve issuance of a drivers license or ID card

Emission inspection — Vehicles built after 1979 (except for hybrids) must have an emissions inspection every two years. Proof is required for vehicle registration. Inspections are performed by state-approved commercial service stations, which usually advertise the service with a sign visible from the street.

Handicapped parking decals, license plates — See: *Disability Services*.

Inoperable motor vehicles — Inoperable motor vehicles may be stored only at authorized motor vehicle repair establishments in a commercial or industrial district. The city defines an inoperable motor vehicle as one that is mechanically inoperable or legally inoperable (lacking the proper license, registration and stickers). For information, call the City of Fairfax Police Department at 703-385-7924. To report an inoperable vehicle on private property in the city, call the Code Administration Office at 703-385-7830.

Insurance requirements — Virginia residents are required by law to either provide the DMV with proof of insurance or pay the DMV an uninsured motorist fee. The fee does not provide insurance; it only allows for registration and operation of the vehicle.

License plates — The City of Fairfax has a special license plate available through the DMV. The DMV gives the city \$15 for each license plate purchased, which the city has designated to fund historic resources. Information: 703-385-7880.

Oversized vehicles — All oversized or overweight vehicles traveling into or through

the city must obtain in advance a hauling permit from the Public Works Department; 703-385-7810. Permits are available for a one-time trip or for multiple trips during the same calendar year.

Parking violations — Parking tickets issued by the City of Fairfax Police are processed through a contracted vendor. For information on payment of parking tickets, call (888) 609-PARK. However, if a ticket has gone to summons, contact the city's General District Court; 703-385-7867. For information regarding a lost ticket, call 703-385-7102.

Personal property tax — Property owners are required to register with the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue within 60 days of a vehicle relocating to or within the city. Vehicles registered after 60 days are subject to a penalty of 10 percent of the tax. They also must notify the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office within 60 days of any changes in the location or status of their personal property. The tax rate is set annually by the City Council. The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue sends out personal property return notices annually, and recipients must respond only if there has been a change in the location or status of the personal property. Personal property taxes are prorated. Forms are supplied by the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue; 703-385-7882.

Residential permit parking — Residents in a few neighborhoods in the city must display on their vehicles a special city decal that includes a residential parking permit. These neighborhoods have signs advertising the need for these special permits, which are issued by the Treasurer's Office. The neighborhoods requiring parking permits are those near George Mason University, Fairfax High School and other areas where there may be issues of non-residents congesting the streets with parked cars. Visitors who park on-street in these neighborhoods must display special parking permits from the Treasurer's Office. Information: 703-385-7900.

Safety inspection — Every motor vehicle registered in Virginia must pass an annual routine safety inspection, and inspection stickers must be displayed inside the front windshield. Proof is required for vehicle registration. Inspections are performed by state-approved commercial service stations, which usually advertise the service with a sign visible from the street.

Seat belts — Virginia law requires the driver of a vehicle and the front seat passengers to use lap belts and shoulder harnesses, and that all back seat passengers younger than age 16 be properly restrained using safety seats or seat belts, depending on their age and/or size. However, the City of Fairfax Police Department recommends all passengers in a vehicle be restrained with lap belts and shoulder harnesses, and passengers younger than age 12 be properly restrained in the rear seat of the vehicle. Children age 8 and younger must be in an approved child safety seat or booster seat.

See also: Courts; DMV; Hauling Permits; Parking; Personal Property Tax.

B

Babe Ruth Baseball *See: Children.*

Band The City of Fairfax Band involves the talents of more than 90 volunteer musicians from all walks of life. Musicians with high school or college band experience are eligible. Rehearsals are held Wednesdays at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run. Information: 703-757-0220; www.fairfaxband.org.

See also: Concerts.

Bicycle Trails Marked bicycle trails interconnect the city's schools, parks, office buildings and shopping centers. The Parks and Recreation Department has a map of city bicycle trails, which also is available on the city's website; 703-385-7858.

Bicycles Although registration of bicycles is not required, the City of Fairfax Police Department recommends residents record the bicycle serial number at the City of Fairfax Police Station, 3730 Old Lee Highway; 703-385-7966. If bikes are lost or stolen, registration will aid in their recovery.

All CUE Buses have bicycle racks available for free use by all CUE bus passengers; 703-385-7859; www.cuebus.org.

Birth Certificates The Virginia Department of Health maintains all records of births in the state. Birth certificates are available only to immediate family members.

To apply for a copy by mail, include the person's full name at birth, the date and place of birth, father's name and mother's maiden name. Also include an explanation of your relationship to the person on the certificate and the reason for the certificate request, as well as a photocopy of your legal identification document (which includes a driver's license, passport, military ID, "green card," etc.) and a check or money order for \$12 made payable to *State Health Department*. Mail this information to the Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23208-1000. Allow up to four weeks for processing and mailing of the certificate. Information: (804) 662-6200; www.vdh.state.va.us.

VitalChek offers expedited service for birth certificates; (877) 572-6333; (804) 662-6207; www.vitalchek.com.

To pick up a copy in person, visit The Shops at Willow Lawn, 1601 Willow Lawn Drive, Suite 275, Richmond, VA 23230; (804) 662-6200.

Blenheim Blenheim is a central-hall brick farmhouse built around 1859 on a 12-acre site located at 3610 Old Lee Highway.

The house, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, features one of the most voluminous and best-preserved examples of American Civil War graffiti in the nation: a "diary on walls" providing insight into typical soldier life during the Civil War. The residence has more than 100 signatures, and features art and poetry created by Union soldiers during their occupation of the Fairfax Court House area in 1862-63.

The Blenheim site features another historic building, Grandma's Cottage, built around 1840 and relocated to the site in 2000 from its previous location on Old Lee Highway. Both Blenheim and Grandma's Cottage are associated with the Willcoxon family, which was instrumental in the early history of Fairfax.

Also on the Blenheim site is the Civil War Interpretive Center, which interprets both the site's history and the Civil War in the greater Fairfax area. Images of the Blenheim House graffiti are on display in the center.

See also: Civil War Interpretive Center; Fairfax Civil War Weekend; History.

Block Grant Programs *See: Housing Assistance Programs.*

Boards and Commissions The city has dozens of volunteer boards and commissions that perform various services, such as advice on policy for a 9,000-acre regional park system, induce businesses to move to the city, plan for future development and more. In addition, residents also serve as city representatives on several regional boards. The public is encouraged to attend these board and commission meetings.

Members of most city boards and commissions are appointed by the City Council. City residents who are registered voters and who have lived in the city for at least one year may apply for board vacancies. Board vacancies are advertised on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station, and in the *Cityscene*.

The City Clerk maintains information on city boards and commissions, including vacancies; 703-385-7935.

Boat Registration All boats in Virginia must be registered with the Virginia Commission on Game and Inland Fisheries, P.O. Box 11528, Richmond, VA 23230; (877) 898-2628; www.dgif.virginia.gov.

Budget The city's fiscal year begins July 1. The process for approving each fiscal year's budget begins with the review of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), a five-year projection of capital improvements for the city. The Planning Commission reviews the CIP then presents recommendations to the City Council, which examines the CIP during the budget process. Both the Planning Commission and the City Council hold public work sessions and public hearings, which the public is invited to attend and may express their views during public hearings. The CIP is approved in April, at the same

time as the budget, and incorporated into the annual budget.

The city manager prepares the proposed budget and presents it to the City Council and the public in late February or March. Again, the City Council holds several public work sessions and public hearings, which the public may attend. The budget is adopted by the City Council in April and implemented July 1.

The budget is available on the city's website. The Finance Department also provides copies of the budget to the public; 703-385-7864.

Budget meeting times are publicized in *The Cityscene*, on Cityscreen-12 and on the city's website. City Council work sessions and public hearings are cablecast on Cityscreen-12, which also may be viewed on the city's website.

Building Alterations, Inspections and Permits Building permits must be obtained for new construction, enlargement, alteration, renovation, removal or demolition of a building or structure in the City of Fairfax. This includes decks, swimming pools and storage sheds. Permits also are required for installation of any general wiring or electrical devices, mechanical installations and plumbing and gas installations.

Residents acquiring permits must arrange for on-site inspections during and after completion of work. Residents who hire a contractor for building alterations should be certain that the contractor is licensed, that permits have been obtained and that inspections are performed. Obtain a permit or request inspection services from the Code Administration Office; 703-385-7830.

Except in the case of detached single family houses and townhouses, all plans that alter the exterior appearance, architectural features or landscaping of buildings in the city must be approved by the Board of Architectural Review. This also includes signs in the Historic Districts, the Transition Overlay District and some shopping centers. Requests should be submitted through the Community Development and Planning Department; 703-385-7930.

A permit also is required for any work which necessitates excavation in a public street or right-of-way. All underground utility lines must first be located and marked before any excavation work may begin. To locate city water lines, call the Utilities Department; 703-385-7920. For other utilities, contact Miss Utility 48 hours in advance of digging at 8-1-1 or (800) 552-7001.

See also: Fire Prevention Code Permits; Home Improvement Programs and Services.

Bus Service *See: CityWheels; CUE Bus; Metro.*

Businesses The Economic Development Office serves as a liaison between commerce and city government. Its functions include attracting and retaining businesses to Fairfax, helping establish new businesses and assisting established businesses.

The Economic Development Office promotes redevelopment and new commercial development in Fairfax and provides information and assistance regarding opening and maintaining a business in the city; 703-385-7862.

Business licenses — Owners of city businesses are required to obtain an annual business license. New businesses in the city must obtain a license within 30 days of the date of opening. Existing licenses must be renewed by March 1. Business licenses are available from the Commissioner of the Revenue; 703-385-7880.

Business organizations — There are a number of business organizations in the city, including the Economic Development Authority, the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Fairfax Coalition. For a complete list, call the Economic Development Office at 703-385-7862.

Business property tax — All tangible personal property, machinery or tools used in connection with a business in the city are subject to taxation. Businesses are required to file a report of taxable personal property by May 1 with the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, which supplies the forms. Business property taxes are payable by October 5 to the Treasurer's Office. Information: 703-385-7880.

Home-based businesses, small businesses — The Small Business Development Center (SBDC), in conjunction with George Mason University, offers classes and programs helpful to small businesses and home-based businesses. The SBDC is located at 4031 University Drive; 703-277-7700. The Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce also

offers programs; 703-591-2450; www.cfcc.org.

See also: Chamber of Commerce; Economic Development Office; Home Occupancy Permits; Taxes; Tax Exemption Programs.

C

Cable Television Cox Communications, Inc. and Verizon are franchised to operate cable television systems for subscribers in the City of Fairfax. For service, contact Cox (703-378-8422; www.cox.com/fairfax) or Verizon (new service: 866-290-4200; existing service: 800-683-3944; repairs: 866-221-1063; www.verizon.com).

For problems city customers cannot resolve with Cox or Verizon, contact the City of Fairfax Community Relations Office at 703-385-7855.

The cable television franchise is monitored by the Community Relations Office. Cable television companies give the city 5 percent of subscriber fees for the use of the city's public rights-of-way, as well as 3 percent for capital projects and equipment for Cityscreen-12, the city's government-access channel.

Cityscreen-12, operated by the Community Relations Office, televises meetings and work sessions of the City Council, School Board and Planning Commission. Cityscreen-12 also televises the city's annual Independence Day Parade and other special events, public service features and a 24-hour electronic bulletin board. The channel may be viewed both on cable television and on the city's website, and many programs can be downloaded from the city's website and viewed on the city's YouTube channel. Information: 703-385-7803.

See also: Community Relations; Cityscreen-12; Library; Utilities.

Canvassing *See: Peddling, Canvassing and Soliciting.*

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) The CIP is a five-year schedule of capital improvement projects each costing more than \$25,000, such as major equipment, construction projects and building improvements. The current year's capital projects are included in the fiscal year budget.

See also: Budget.

Car Decals, Taxes *See: Automobiles.*

Cemetery The city operates a cemetery for city residents at 10567 Main Street; 703-385-7997. Non-residents may request to purchase plots, but their requests must be approved by the City Council.

Chamber of Commerce The Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce has served Fairfax for decades. Its primary function is to promote and assist the business community. The chamber holds monthly networking meetings and educational seminars and publishes a monthly newsletter, *The Progress*. Chamber offices are located at 11166 Fairfax Boulevard, Suite 407; 703-591-2450; www.cfcc.org.

Charitable Organization Solicitations *See: Peddling, Canvassing and Soliciting.*

Child Support, Child Support Enforcement *See: Children.*

Children The city provides a number of services and activities for children.

Athletic groups — Year-round recreation programs are sponsored by the Fairfax Police Youth Club (FPYC), Fairfax Little League, Fairfax Babe Ruth Baseball League and the city's Parks and Recreation Department. Activities of the non-profit FPYC include programs for boys and girls ages 5-18. More than 6,000 youngsters from the city and surrounding Fairfax County participate in activities such as basketball, baton and drum corps, football, soccer, softball, wrestling, cheerleading, lacrosse and T-ball. Youngsters ages 8-12 are eligible for Fairfax Little League baseball (the season is from April to July) and children ages 5-8 are eligible for T-ball; registration for all Little League activities is in February. Teens ages 13-19 are eligible for the Fairfax Babe Ruth

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Baseball League, which begins its 21-game season in May. Registration is in February. Information: 703-385-7858.

Child abuse — To report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect, call the Fairfax County Department of Family Services 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at 703-324-7400. All information is confidential.

Child support — For general information about child support, contact the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court's Domestic Relations Intake Services, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, at 703-246-3040. For specific information about support enforcement, call the Virginia Department of Social Services at (800) 468-8894 or contact the regional office of Child Support Enforcement, 3953 Pender Drive; (877) 822-4612.

City recreation programs — The Parks and Recreation Department provides youngsters with a wide variety of year-round recreation and cultural activities. Times and locations of upcoming programs are publicized in *Leisure Times*, a publication by the Parks and Recreation Department, as well as on the city's website, in *The Cityscene* and on Cityscreen-12. In addition, a summer camp program for city youngsters in preschool through ninth grade is conducted at city schools from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays from late June through mid-August. In conjunction with the program, extended hours are offered from 7-9 a.m. and from 3-6 p.m. in some elementary schools. The program offers sports and games, swimming, films and field trips, arts and crafts and special events.

Daycare — All family home child care providers in the City of Fairfax must be licensed or permitted. The city's Human Services Office maintains listings and offers brochures to assist residents in locating child care; 703-385-7894. The School-Aged Child Care (SACC) program offers before- and after-school care for elementary school students in city elementary schools. Payment is on a sliding fee scale; 703-449-8989; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Health insurance programs — City residents may apply for assistance with health services for their children with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services; 703-324-7500; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Safety seats — The City of Fairfax Police recommend all children younger than age 12, when riding in a vehicle, be properly restrained in the vehicle's rear seat using safety seats and restraint devices (seat belts, etc.) approved for their ages and sizes. Additionally, Commonwealth law requires children younger than age 8 to be in safety seats. Child safety seats should not be installed in the front seat of vehicles with air bags; however, some newer model vehicles with front seat air bags have shut-off switches. The police department has information on child safety seat laws; 703-273-2889.

Schools — By Virginia law, children who have reached their fifth birthday on or before September 30 must be enrolled in kindergarten for that school year beginning in the fall unless their parents or guardians notify the principal of the local school that they do not wish the child to attend. However, children who will be six years old on or before September 30 must attend school during the school year beginning that fall. Parents should take a birth certificate, Social Security number and proof of residency or equivalent and a transfer slip or report card from the previous school to the new school office when enrolling a child. Evidence of immunization and a certificate of physical examination are required for elementary students; 703-876-5219. To find out in which school to enroll a child, call 703-329-9831. A qualifying parent may elect to provide home instruction for his or her school-age child in lieu of school attendance; 571-423-4460. The city contracts with Fairfax County Public Schools for education services; 571-423-1000; www.fcps.edu.

Youth, 4-H programs — The 4-H Youth Program of Virginia Cooperative Extension provides leadership and learning activities for Fairfax youth ages 5-19. 4-H members perform a variety of service projects within their clubs. Extension 4-H also sponsors special projects for at-risk youth and families; 703-324-5369.

See also: *Automobiles; Immunizations; Schools.*

Chocolate Lovers Festival The city joins forces with community organizations and local merchants to host a Chocolate Lovers Festival on the first full weekend of March in Old Town Fairfax. Bakers, confectioners and chocolate manufacturers offer sample tastes and display art created entirely of chocolate. The event also offers other activities, including children's activities and historic building open houses. Information:

www.fairfaxva.gov

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Christmas Tree Recycling *See: Recycling Service.*

Cigarette Tax The city levies a tax on each pack of cigarettes sold in the city. The tax initially is paid by the wholesaler and passed on to the customer.

See also: Taxes.

Cities In Virginia, incorporated cities are independent of the counties that adjoin or surround them.

The City of Fairfax is an independent city surrounded by Fairfax County, and even though some county offices are located here, the city is a completely separate jurisdiction from the county. For example, city residents must have a vehicle decal issued by the City of Fairfax, rather than the county.

Because the U.S. Post Office uses a zip code breakdown rather than jurisdictional boundaries, it is possible to have a postal address of “Fairfax, Virginia” without living in the City of Fairfax.

Citizenship Those who are not U.S. citizens by birth may be eligible to become U.S. citizens by naturalization through the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Applicants must be at least 18 years old; have been lawfully admitted to and lived in the U.S. for five years as a permanent resident; have been present in the U.S. for at least 30 months of the previous five years; be of good moral character; read, write, speak, and understand English; demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of U.S. history and government; have an attachment to the principles of the U.S. Constitution; and have a favorable disposition toward the United States. The Washington D.C. USCIS office is located at 2675 Prosperity Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22031 (mailing ZIP Code:20598). Information: (800) 375-5283 (TTY: 800-767-1833); www.uscis.gov.

See also: Green Card.

City Clerk The City Clerk’s Office in City Hall keeps a record of all City Council agendas and actions. Information on boards and commissions also may be obtained from the City Clerk’s Office; 703-385-7935.

City Code The City Code, comprising laws specific to the city, is approved by the City Council. The City Code is available for review on the city website and in the City Clerk’s Office; 703-385-7935.

City Council Fairfax has a council/manager form of government. The Mayor and six City Councilmembers are elected every two years on an at-large, non-partisan basis. Although they do not have offices in City Hall, the Mayor and City Council can be reached through the City Manager’s Office at 703-385-7850, via e-mail or correspondence mailed to City Hall.

See also: Elections.

City Council Meetings The City Council holds work sessions and meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in City Hall. Meetings and work sessions are open to the public, although work sessions do not provide the public an opportunity to address the City Council. The City Council (and most other boards and commissions) are on hiatus in August.

Work sessions and meetings usually are televised on Cityscreen-12, the city’s television station, which is available both on cable television channel 12 and on the city’s website. Televised meetings may be downloaded in MP3 and MP4 format.

Actions taken at City Council meetings are recorded in the *Council Reporter*. Agendas and *Council Reporters* are available from the City Clerk’s office and are posted on the city’s website; 703-385-7935.

See also: Cityscreen-12.

City Hall Located at 10455 Armstrong Street, this building houses most city government offices. It consists of two buildings attached by an atrium: a stately

Georgian-style building, which was built in 1961, and the Annex built in 2006. It also is the location where most city boards and commissions meet, including the City Council. City government offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays).

Services of the limited DMV Office in City Hall are available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays).

General District Court hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding state holidays).

Extended hours are announced in *The Cityscene*, on Cityscreen-12 and on the city's website.

The Sisson House, adjacent to City Hall, houses the offices of the General Registrar and the School Superintendent.

On the west lawn of City Hall, the Veterans Amphitheater is host to a variety of outdoor concerts and festivities.

See also: Amphitheater; Concerts; DMV; General District Court;

City Offices The city's administrative offices are located in:

- City Hall — 10455 Armstrong Street
- Fire Station 3 — 4081 University Drive
- Goose Creek Water Treatment Plant — 25021 Belmont Ridge Road, Ashburn
- Green Acres Center — 4401 Sideburn Road
- Police Department — 3730 Old Lee Highway
- Property Yard — 3410 Pickett Road
- Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center — 3740 Old Lee Highway

Most administration offices of city departments are located in City Hall. The exceptions are the police department, which is located at the Police Station, and the Fire Department administrative office located at Fire Station 3. Certain divisions of the Public Works Department, Parks and Recreation Department and Utilities Department are at the Property Yard.

The City of Fairfax also has a water treatment plant operated by the Utilities Department and located at the Goose Creek Reservoir in Loudoun County.

The Parks and Recreation Department has administrative offices in City Hall, Green Acres Center and the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Some evening and weekend hours are offered at the Community Center and Green Acres.

City Decals, City Stickers *See: Automobiles.*

Cityscene The City of Fairfax published a monthly newsletter, *The Cityscene*, on the city's website. Copies also are available in city municipal buildings and at the City of Fairfax Regional Library. (Copies are available, upon request, by first-class mail; 703-385-7855).

The Cityscene reports on city government actions and community events. The newsletter contains timely information on city government programs and services, a *Community Calendar*, the *Council Reporter*, city government meeting agendas, board and commission vacancies and Cityscreen-12 program information.

See also: Community Relations.

Cityscreen-12 The City of Fairfax government access television station, on Channel 12 through cable television and accessible from the city's website, televises live and recorded meetings of the City Council, School Board and Planning Commission.

Cityscreen-12 also produces and televises *The Fairfax Scene*, a monthly news magazine, as well as special events and a 24-hour bulletin board of city government and community news and activities.

Many Cityscreen-12 programs may be downloaded as MP3 or MP4 files for use on computers or handheld devices. Programs also may be borrowed on DVD from the City Manager's Office in City Hall (703-385-7855) or from the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library (703-293-6227, ext. 6), and reservations are recommended. Many special programs may be viewed on the city's YouTube channel. Some programs are available for purchase from Cityscreen-12; 703-385-7803. Programs may be recorded directly off the television for private viewing.

See also: Cable Television; Community Relations; Library.

CityWheels CityWheels is a City of Fairfax program offering paratransit service to city residents with disabilities who are unable to use the city's conventional bus service. CityWheels is a transportation network of private taxi companies subsidized by the city. The program offers taxi service for a set fare of \$3.20 each way within the city, to the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Metrorail Station, to George Mason University or to Fair Oaks Hospital. Information: 703-385-7859.

Civic Associations, Homeowner Associations Many city neighborhoods have organized civic associations and homeowner associations that serve as forums for community opinion on matters of mutual interest. Many groups meet regularly and publish periodic newsletters. Civic associations often serve as liaisons between neighborhoods and City Hall.

The Community Relations Office maintains a list of civic associations on the city's website.

Civil War Weekend *See: Fairfax Civil War Weekend.*

Civil War Interpretive Center The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim interprets the site's history and the American Civil War in the greater Fairfax area. It features an exhibition gallery with permanent and temporary exhibits and a multipurpose classroom that accommodates 65 people. The extensive gift shop stocks books, original signed art prints, children's toys and games, replica items, and souvenirs related to the Civil War and Fairfax history.

Lectures, walking tours and other Civil War-related programs are offered at the center, many of which are free — including the Civil War Interpretive Center Series, which contributes to the commemoration of the Virginia sesquicentennial of the Civil War. The city lists the center's event schedules in the *Cityscene*, on Cityscreen-12 and on the city website.

The center is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (except on New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving, half-day Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). Additionally, site tours are conducted at 1 p.m. on days the center is open. Information: 703-591-0560.

The Civil War Interpretive Center and Blenheim site are available for rental for private use; 703-385-7858.

See also: Blenheim; Tours and History Programs.

Clerk of the Circuit Court City voters elect the Clerk of the Circuit Court, one of the constitutional officers created by the Commonwealth's constitution.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court, who is elected to an eight-year term, is the official custodian of all court records and documents for both the city and Fairfax County. The Clerk's office is located on the third floor of the Jennings Building, 4110 Chain Bridge Road; 703-246-2770; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Colleges and Universities Two major schools of higher education are located near the City of Fairfax.

George Mason University, whose Fairfax campus is located on the city's southern boundary, is a state university that serves nearly 35,000 students and offers undergraduate and graduate programs. Mason has a number of sports arenas and performing art forums, such as the Patriot Center, Harris Theater, the Johnson Center and the Center of the Arts. Information: 703-993-1000; www.gmu.edu.

The Fairfax Campus Advisory Board, with representatives from the city, university and Fairfax County, meets regularly to identify cooperative opportunities between Mason and the city. The city, together with the university and Fairfax County, hold regular town-gown community forms; see the city website or call 703-385-7850.

Northern Virginia Community College is a two-year state-supported regional college with multiple campuses in the area, including the Annandale campus near the city. Information: 703-323-3000; www.nvcc.edu.

Commercial Automobile Parking *See: Automobiles.*

Commissioner of the Revenue The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall is the chief tax assessing office in the city and administers the majority of taxes, including the meals tax and utility taxes. The office also files — and offers residents assistance with — Virginia state income tax returns and federal income tax returns.

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue performs tax assessments, processes tax reports and verifies the accuracy of reported taxes. The office also maintains the accuracy of the city's tax rolls, issues business licenses and verifies the location of taxpayers as they move in and out of the city. The office also provides limited DMV service in City Hall. Information: 703-385-7884.

The Commissioner of the Revenue is elected to a four-year term on odd-numbered years.

See also: DMV.

Commonwealth's Attorney As the chief law enforcement officer in the city and in Fairfax County, the Commonwealth's Attorney prosecutes criminal cases, including all felonies that occur in the city. The principal focus of this office is major crimes, and the office works closely with the City of Fairfax Police Department. Offices of the Commonwealth's Attorney are located in the Fairfax County Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 123; 703-246-2776.

Residents of the city and Fairfax County elect the Commonwealth's Attorney to a four-year term.

Community Center *See Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center.*

Community Development and Planning All land in the City of Fairfax is zoned for residential, planned development, commercial or industrial uses. The Community Development and Planning Department (CDP) provides oversight for this land use, including zoning, planning, economic development, design review, site plans and demographics.

The *Comprehensive Plan* serves as a basic guide for the city's development. Copies are available for viewing and purchase from CDP and may be downloaded from the city's website.

Density of development and permitted uses for each zoning category are specified in the zoning ordinance. Under the ordinance, certain land uses are permitted in each district as a matter of right. Others require special permits, which — depending on the type of permit — must be approved by either the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) or by the City Council.

All applications for zoning changes are carefully evaluated by CDP, after which public hearings are held by both the Planning Commission and the City Council. Both hearings must be advertised in advance; signs also are posted on the property and written notice is sent to owners of adjacent properties. Anyone who wishes to address the application may speak at these public hearings.

The Board of Architectural Review (BAR) must approve the appearance of all new construction, exterior alterations and major landscaping. The BAR also approves signs in the Historic District, the Transition Overlay District and in some shopping centers.

The BZA, appointed by the Circuit Court, hears appeals from rulings of the zoning administrator, applications for variances, certain special exceptions and special use permits for certain zoning districts. Zoning decisions by the City Council and BZA may be appealed to the Circuit Court.

Copies of the city's zoning ordinance may be obtained from the Zoning Office; 703-385-7820.

The city's zoning map may be viewed in the Zoning Office and on the city's website; 703-385-7820.

Community Relations The Community Relations Office in City Hall provides information about city and community activities using print, cable and electronic resources.

The Cityscene, a monthly newsletter posted on the city's website, contains timely news about city government, reminders about taxes, voting and vehicle decal deadlines, details and schedules of special events, classes and activities and much more. *The Cityscene* is an

important means of keeping informed of city actions, activities and events. It is available at city municipal buildings, the City of Fairfax Regional Library and (upon request to 703-385-7855) by first-class mail.

The Community Relations Office also publishes a number of brochures, flyers and pamphlets.

Cityscreen-12, the city's cable television station, cablecasts live and recorded meetings and work sessions of the City Council and Planning Commission, as well as School Board meetings. Also televised are selected special events, public service features, live coverage of the annual Independence Day Parade and a 24-hour electronic bulletin board. Cityscreen-12 is available both on cable television and videostreamed on the city's website, and many Cityscreen-12 programs may be downloaded as MP3 and MP4 files for viewing on computers and handheld devices. Many of Cityscreen-12's special programs may be viewed on the city's YouTube channel. Programming schedules are listed on the city's website, on Cityscreen-12 and in *The Cityscene*.

The office also serves as a general inquiry center for city residents to obtain city-related information; 703-385-7855.

See also: Cityscene, Cityscreen-12.

Community Use Facilities *See: City Hall; Civil War Interpretive Center; Fairfax High School Community Use; Fire Stations; Green Acres Center; Old Town Hall; Schools; Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center.*

Computer Services Computer use and Internet access is available at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street; 703-293-6227; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

See also: Library.

Concealed Handgun Permits Concealed weapon applications are available from the Fairfax County Circuit Court Clerk's Office, Civil Intake Division, 4110 Chain Bridge Road. There are multiple steps in the application process, and information about each step in the process is provided with the application.

A completed application, including residency verification and a certificate showing completion of a firearms training course, must be filed with the Fairfax County Circuit Court Civil Intake Counter, which accepts applications from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. The filing fee is \$50 payable by cash, money order (made out to *Clerk, Fairfax Circuit Court*), Visa or MasterCard (with a 4 percent processing fee).

Once filed with the Circuit Court, the final review process may take up to 45 days. Applicants will be notified by mail whether their application was approved or denied, and permits will be mailed to the applicants. Information: 703-691-7320, then press 3, 5; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Concerts The city has an active music community, and the city government sponsors or helps organize concerts featuring performances by local and national talent.

Concerts and music also are featured year-round at many of the city's special events, including Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, a three-week-long spring festival; Independence Day Celebration events, including the parade and evening show; Fall Festival, the daylong craft show in the streets of Old Town Fairfax on the second Saturday in October; and the Festival of Lights and Carols in December.

The City of Fairfax Band and its ensembles offer entertainment all year in the city and nationwide, in both free and subscription concerts. The nationally recognized band performs in the Old Town Plaza Performances in June in Old Town Village and the Summer Concert Series in July in the Veterans Amphitheater next to City Hall. Information: 703-757-0220.

The Bonita Lestina Performance Series features musicians and other talented performers on the second and fourth Fridays from October through April. Free concerts are held at 8 p.m. in Old Town Hall. Information: 703-352-ARTS; www.fairfaxarts.org.

Friday Morning Music Club is a series of free concerts by the Friday Morning Music Club of Greater Washington. The concerts are held at 11 a.m. on the third Thursday of the months of October, November, January, February and March in Old Town Hall. Information: 202-333-2075; www.fmmc.org.

Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series features music, dance and storytelling

sessions design with children in mind. The performances are held at 10:30 a.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month from September through June in Old Town Hall. Information: 703-352-ARTS; www.fairfaxarts.org.

At George Mason University, the Center for the Arts and the Patriot Center offer performances of both student talent and nationally recognized performers. Information: Center for the Arts (703-993-8888; www.gmu.edu/cfa); Patriot Center (703-993-3000; www.patriotcenter.com).

See also: Band; Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts; Fall Festival; Festival of Lights and Carols; Independence Day Celebration.

Consumer Affairs / Consumer Protection The City of Fairfax relies on the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs, an office of the commonwealth, for investigating consumer and landlord/tenant problems in the City of Fairfax. Information: (800) 552-9963; (804) 786-2042; www.vdacs.virginia.gov. The City of Fairfax does not have a consumer affairs office.

City residents who need assistance concerning a business located in Fairfax County may contact the Fairfax County Department of Consumer Services, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 433, Fairfax, VA 22035; 703-324-5900; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

For cable-related problems residents cannot resolve with the cable service provider, contact the City of Fairfax Community Relations Office, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA 22030; 703-385-7855.

Consumer Education *See: Financial Education.*

Courts. City of Fairfax residents are served by three Virginia courts: the Circuit Court of the 19th District, the General District Court for the City of Fairfax and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Judges for these courts are appointed on an as-needed basis by the Virginia General Assembly.

Circuit Court — The Circuit Court hears felonies, civil suits, divorce cases and appeals from lower courts. The court also oversees jury duty. The Circuit Court is located in the Fairfax County Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road. Information: 703-691-7320; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court's office also handles information about the following services; for information, call 703-691-7320, then the extensions listed:

- adoption (3, 1, 0)
- concealed handgun permits (3, 5)
- criminal (3, 2)
- deeds (3, 4)
- divorce (filing) (3, 1, 4, 2)
- estate administration (3, 6, 3)
- land records (3, 4)
- marriage licenses (3, 6, 1)
- name changes (3, 1, 4, 3)
- notary (3, 6, 2)
- passport applications (3, 6, 4)
- wills probate (3, 6, 3)

General District Court — The City of Fairfax General District Court hears traffic violations and criminal misdemeanors. Court is held in Room 100 of the City Hall Annex beginning at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Because this court is not of record, all cases are heard by a judge; there are no jury trials at this level. For information about pre-payments of traffic violations, call 703-385-7865 (24-hour recording). For information on court records or case scheduling, call the Clerk of the Court at 703-385-7866. For parking violation fine information, call (888) 609-PARK. If you wish to contest a ticket, visit the office of the Clerk of the Court during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (excluding legal state holidays); 703-385-7866.

Fairfax County's General District Court, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, hears cases for traffic, civil and criminal violations and small claims cases that occur in Fairfax County. Call 703-246-3764 for traffic cases, 703-246-3305 for criminal cases, 703-246-3012 for civil cases and 703-246-3012 for small claims (TTY: 703-934-1296);

www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Juvenile Cases (Family Court) — Cases involving juvenile matters (including traffic violations) in the city are heard by the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court at the County Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road. This court also hears cases of offenses by adults against juveniles and other cases such as non-support, assault and child custody. Information: 703-246-3367; www.fairfaxcounty.gov. The Juvenile Detention Center is located at 10650 Page Avenue; 703-246-2844; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Magistrates — Magistrates are judicial officers who issue arrest and search warrants and determine pre-trial releases. The magistrate provides an independent and unbiased review of complaints brought to the office by private individuals and law enforcement officers. The magistrate also considers petitions for commitment and issues restraining orders. Magistrates are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. City residents may request such services from the magistrate at the Adult Detention Center, 10520 Judicial Drive; 703-246-2178.

The Adult Detention Center is located at 10520 Judicial Drive; 703-246-2100; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

See also: Adoption; Automobiles; Children; Concealed Handgun Permit; Deeds; Divorce; Marriage Licenses; Name Changes; Notary; Parking Tickets; Passports; Wills and Estate Administration.

Craft Fairs *See: Fall Festival; Holiday Craft Show.*

CUE Bus System The city's CUE Bus system provides regularly scheduled service to George Mason University; to shopping centers, residences, schools and other destinations within the City of Fairfax; and to the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Metrorail Station.

Fare is \$1.80 (or \$1.60 with a SmarTrip Card). Elementary, intermediate and high school students and senior citizens (age 60 and older) with a valid city-issued ID ride for 85¢. GMU students, staff and faculty ride for free. Children age 3 and younger ride free.

Exact change is required. Buses accept dollar bills, but do not make change. Tickets are sold in books of 10; one ticket is valid for a single ride on the CUE Bus.

Patrons also may use Metro's SmarTrip cards for CUE Bus fare. Reusable plastic SmarTrip cards also serve as fare cards for Metro buses and trains, as well as for other local public transit systems. With reusable SmarTrip cards, fares are loaded on the cards at the time of purchase, and may be re-loaded as needed. SmarTrip cards cost \$5. Special SmarTrip cards that provide discounted fares are available for seniors age 65 and older and people with disabilities, with valid identification. Regular SmarTrip cards are sold at Metro sales offices, Metrorail stations with parking and some retail locations, including the Treasurer's Office in City Hall — *but senior SmarTrip Cards are not sold at City Hall*; 703-385-7900.

Every CUE Bus is equipped with a bike rack that holds up to two bicycles. Racks may be used by CUE Bus patrons at no cost.

For CUE Bus schedule information, call 703-385-7859.

All CUE Buses are fully accessible. Residents with disabilities who are unable to use the CUE Bus system may participate in CityWheels and MetroAccess. Information: 703-385-7859.

For real-time arrival information, visit www.nextbus.com.

See also: CityWheels; Disability Services; Metro; Senior Citizens.

Cultural Arts and Marketing The Cultural Arts and Marketing Office provides marketing support to city departments and acts as a liaison with designated city agencies. The office also works with the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center to promote tourism for both visitors and residents of the City of Fairfax. The office maintains a list of local hotels, restaurants and other tourist information and produces brochures on historic sites and buildings in Old Town Fairfax; city restaurants, hotels; Old Town businesses; and historic sites and places of interest in Old Town Fairfax. Cultural Arts and Marketing also produces and distributes a weekly e-newsletter, City Clips, to subscribers (which also is available on the city's website). Information: 703-273-6097; www.visitfairfax.com.

See also: Concerts; Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts; Museum; Tourism Information; Tours and History Programs.

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Daycare *See: Children.*

Death Certificates Death certificates for those who have died within the past five years in the city, in Fairfax County and the City of Falls Church are available to immediate family members at the Joseph Willard Health Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway; 703-246-7100; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Death certificates for all people who died in Virginia are kept by the Virginia Department of Health. Each copy costs \$12. To request a certificate, include the full name of the deceased and the date and place of death. All requests must be signed and include the person's relationship with the deceased and the reason for the certificate, as well as a return address, daytime telephone number and a photocopy of the ID of the person making the request. Include a check or money order made payable to *State Health Department* and mail the request to the Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23208-1000. Allow ample time for processing and mailing of the certificate. Information: (804) 662-6200; www.vdh.state.va.us.

Forms to request death certificates from the commonwealth are available at the Willard Health Center. Forms are not required for requests as long as the above information is provided.

VitalChek offers expedited service for ordering death certificates; (877) 572-6333 or visit www.vitalchek.com.

To pick up a copy in person, visit The Shops at Willow Lawn, 1601 Willow Lawn Drive, Suite 275, Richmond, VA 23230; (804) 662-6200.

Deeds City residents file deeds to their properties in the Land Records Branch of the Fairfax County Circuit Court, 4110 Chain Bridge Road. Residents must bring to the land records office a legally prepared deed that has a tax map number and is signed and notarized. Deed filings are processed from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays. The cost of filing a deed varies depending on the type of deed. Fees may be paid with cash or a money order. Information: 703-691-7320, then press 3, 4; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Dental Services *See: Health Department, Health Services.*

Detention Facilities The city contracts for detention facilities through its City/County General Services Agreement. The Adult Detention Center is located at 10520 Judicial Drive; 703-246-2100 (24-hour information). City of Fairfax juveniles who are detained by the police may be placed in the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center, 10650 Page Avenue; 703-246-2844 (24-hour information).

Disability Services All city services and facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. The city provides reasonable accommodations upon request, including large print or recorded publications and hearing assistive devices at meetings. To request special accommodations, notify the department in charge of the program or service at least seven working days before the event/activity (to allow the city to make necessary arrangements).

The Fairfax Area Disability Services Board provides information and advocacy; 703-324-5421. For information on disability services available through the city, call the Human Services coordinator at 703-385-7894.

City publications can be made available in large print or recorded. City board and commission meetings can be signed for viewers with hearing disabilities. For information, call the Community Relations Office at 703-385-7855 or 7-1-1 (TTY).

A wide variety of programs provide additional services for city residents with disabilities. Programs are available through the public school system as well as through contracts with appropriate Fairfax County agencies; 703-385-7894.

Suspected abuse, financial exploitation or neglect of persons with disabilities should

be reported to the Adult Protective Services Division of the Department of Family Services, 12011 Government Center Parkway Suite 232, Fairfax, VA 22035; 703-324-7450; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Parking permits, which allow people with disabilities to use specially designated parking spaces and which must be displayed in vehicle windows, are available from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). DMV permits are available in the form of license plates or placards that can be moved from one vehicle to another for use by a driver with disabilities or by someone transporting people with disabilities. For an application and information, contact the limited services DMV Office in City Hall; 703-385-7884.

The Fairfax County Public Library system provides collections for and about people with disabilities. More than 23,000 Talking Books are available through the Access Services Office in the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 123, Fairfax, VA 22035; 703-324-8380; www.fairfaxcounty.gov. Special machines required to play the recorded books are available on long-term loan through this free service. Large print books are available through all branches.

The Finance Department offers real estate tax and rental relief benefits to income-eligible residents with permanent disabilities; 703-385-7870. The city also participates in the Home Improvement Loan Program and Home Repair for the Elderly, which offer assistance to eligible low-income elderly and disabled homeowners; 703-385-7930.

Paratransit services are provided by CityWheels and MetroAccess.

For information about access to public facilities and transit, call the city's Human Services coordinator at 703-385-7894.

See also: Children; CityWheels; Metro; Senior Citizens; TTY (Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf) Services.

Discrimination Virginia code prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status or disability. To report complaints of possible violations, contact the Virginia Council on Human Rights, Washington Building, 1100 Bank Street, Richmond, VA 23219; (804) 225-2292; chr.vipnet.org.

Divorce City residents file for divorce through the Fairfax County Circuit Court in the Fairfax County Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road. Information: 703-691-7320, then press 3, 1, 4, 0; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

For information on the status of a pending divorce, call 703-691-7320, then press 3, 1, 0.

Divorce Records The Virginia Department of Health maintains all records of divorce in the commonwealth. Divorce records are available to immediate family only.

To apply for a copy by mail, include the full name of the couple, the date and place of divorce. Also include an explanation of your relationship to the person on the certificate and the reason for the certificate request, as well as a photocopy of your legal identification document (which includes a driver's license, passport, military ID, "green card," etc.) and a check or money order for \$12 made payable to *State Health Department*. Mail this information to the Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23208-1000. Allow up to four weeks for processing and mailing of the certificate. Information: (804) 662-6200; www.vdh.state.va.us.

VitalChek offers expedited service for divorce certificates; (877) 572-6333; (804) 662-6207; www.vitalchek.com.

To pick up a copy in person, visit The Shops at Willow Lawn, 1601 Willow Lawn Drive, Suite 275, Richmond, VA 23230; (804) 662-6200.

DMV The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is a state agency and is not a part of the city government. Information: (800) 435-5137; www.dmv.state.va.us.

The City of Fairfax offers limited DMV services from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays). City DMV services are limited to:

- Titles: original, substitute, replacement, maintenance
- Registration: original, renewal, transfer, re-issue, surrender
- Special or personalized license plate requests
- Trip or overload permits

- Original handicapped parking placards
- Voter registration applications
- Driver transcript requests
- Title and registration transactions for dealers
- Name and address changes that do not involve issuance of a drivers license or ID card

Please note: the limited DMV Office in City Hall does not issue driver licenses or state identification cards.

See also: Automobiles; Disability Services.

Dog Licenses *See: Animals.*

Domestic Violence Assistance In case of life-threatening emergency, call 9-1-1 (voice/TTY).

Counseling, emergency assistance and advocacy for women who are victims of sexual assault or spouse abuse are provided by a number of organizations, including Victim Assistance Network (703-360-7273, 24 hours a day) and the Fairfax County Police Department Victim/Witness Services (703-246-2141; TTY: 703-222-7314).

Women and children may seek assistance at the Fairfax County Women's Shelter (703-435-4940, 24 hours a day). Spanish translation is offered at these locations.

People also may contact the City of Fairfax Police Department (703-385-7924 24 hours a day) or the Human Services coordinator (703-385-7894).

See also: Housing Programs Assistance; Human Services; Social Services; Women's Programs.

Driver's Licenses *See: Automobiles.*

Drop-off Centers *See: Household Hazardous Waste Disposal; Recycling Service; Refuse Service.*

Drug Abuse *See: Substance Abuse.*

Dump Residents may take refuse to the Fairfax County Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road. The station is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday (excluding holidays). There is a disposal fee. Information: 703-631-1179; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Residents must take household hazardous waste, such as insecticides, paint and household cleaners, to the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site, 4618 West Ox Road. This site is open 1-5 p.m. Thursdays, 8 a.m. to noon Fridays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Information: 703-324-5068; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Recyclables may be taken to the 24-hour Recycle Center at the Property Yard, 3410 Pickett Road. Information: 703-385-7837.

Reusable household items in good condition may be placed in the designated blue bins at the 24-hour Recycle Center at the Property Yard. Information: 703-385-7837.

See also: Recycling Service; Refuse Service.

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Economic Development The Economic Development Office in City Hall serves as a liaison between commerce and city government, attracting and retaining businesses to Fairfax, helping new businesses open and assisting established businesses. The Economic Development Office promotes redevelopment and new commercial development in Fairfax.

The Economic Development Office maintains a database of city business organizations and commercial buildings, regularly updated listings of available commercial space for lease or sale, as well as the city's restaurant guide. Information: 703-385-7851.

Elected Officials City residents elect representatives on the local, state and federal level. Residents also elect shared city/county officials, such as the Clerk of the Circuit

Court, Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney. A list of elected officials is included in the addendum of this handbook.

See also: City Council; Commissioner of the Revenue; Clerk of the Circuit Court; Commonwealth's Attorney; Elections; School Board; Sheriff; Treasurer.

Elections Non-partisan, at-large elections for Mayor, City Council and School Board are held in even-numbered years on the first Tuesday in May. These elected officials assume office on the first day of July following the election, and serve two-year terms.

The Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue serve four-year terms, and their elections are held in odd-numbered years on the first Tuesday (following the first Monday) in November. The Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue each assume office on the first day of January following the election.

City residents who meet the commonwealth's voting requirements are eligible to vote in general, primary and city elections.

The city is part of the 19th Judicial Circuit and, as such, also elects the Clerk of Circuit Court, Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney.

A court-appointed Electoral Board conducts city elections and officers of election work the polls on election days. To become an officer of election, call 703-385-7890.

To run for any office, contact the Virginia State Board of Elections for the proper forms: (800) 552-9745; www.sbe.virginia.gov. Local offices require petitions signed by at least 125 qualified voters. All necessary forms for candidates for local office must be filed with the city's General Registrar.

Voter and election information is available at the Office of the General Registrar, which is located in the Sisson House adjacent to City Hall; 703-385-7890.

See also: Voter Registration.

Emergencies For emergency fire or ambulance service, dial 9-1-1 (voice/TTY).

For emergency police service, dial 9-1-1 (voice/TTY) or 703-591-5511 (TTY: 703-359-2480). City police emergencies reported to 9-1-1 are immediately rerouted to the City of Fairfax Police Department.

For water emergencies, call 703-385-7915 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays; on evenings, weekends and holidays, call 703-385-7924 (TTY: 703-359-2480).

Employment For information about current employment opportunities with the City of Fairfax, call the 24-hour Job Line at 703-385-7861, visit the Personnel Office in City Hall or view the city's website. The City of Fairfax is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer.

The Virginia Employment Commission offers free job placement, counseling and special job programs. The local VEC Workforce Center is located at 5520 Cherokee Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22312; 703-813-1300; www.vec.virginia.gov.

See also: Unemployment.

Extension Services City residents may use the Fairfax County Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension for services such as pest control and plant and lawn care.

The Master Gardener Helpline provides horticultural and environmental information with educational and outreach projects on such topics as lawn care, pollution reduction and pest management; 703-324-8556; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Plant and insect problems can be diagnosed at Neighborhood Plant Clinics and at a Diagnostic Lab run from May through September by the Fairfax County Master Gardener Association; 703-324-5393; www.fairfaxcounty.gov. A soil testing service is available — collect a test kit from any Fairfax County public library.

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Facebook *See: Social Media.*

Fair Oaks Hospital Located at 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive; 703-391-3600; www.inova.com.

See also: Hospitals, Health Facilities.

Fairfax Civil War Day Held annually in May at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, the event features American Civil War era music and activities. Highlights include living history encampments, period military demonstrations and children's activities. The event is produced by the city's Office of Historic Resources and the 17th Virginia Infantry, Company D. Information: 703-385-8414.

See also: Blenheim; History; Museum.

Fairfax High School Community Use Groups may reserve use of classrooms, the auditorium and the cafeteria at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run; www.fcps.edu. To schedule use of this facility, contact the school's community activities director at 703-219-2230.

Fairfax Hospital Inova Fairfax Hospital is located at 3300 Gallows Road; 703-776-400; www.inova.com.

See also: Hospitals, Health Facilities.

Fairfax Police Youth Club *See: Athletic Groups.*

Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Held from mid-April to early May each year, Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival features weeks of art exhibits, plays, dance and music. Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts also awards seven arts scholarships for local students to study at George Mason University or Northern Virginia Community College.

Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts events are sponsored by the city in cooperation with George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College. The events take place in and around the city. Information: 703-352-ARTS; www.fairfaxspotlight.org.

Fall Festival One of the area's most popular outdoor events, the Fall Festival is held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the second Saturday in October in the streets of Old Town Fairfax. The open air festival features hundreds of high quality arts and crafts exhibitors, live music, food and children's activities. Applications for exhibiting at the festival are due in early spring. The rain date is the following Sunday. For information, call 703-385-7858.

Fall for the Book Sponsored by the City of Fairfax with George Mason University and other organizations, Fall for the Book celebrates literature and literacy. Readings, book signings, writing clinics and more for people of all ages are held in late September in and around the city, including George Mason University. Information: 703-993-3986; www.fallforthebook.org.

Farmers Market Locally grown fresh produce, as well as baked goods, plants, crafts and more are available at three different farmers markets in the city.

The Downtown Fairfax Coalition holds the following farmers markets from May through October:

- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays at the intersection of West and Main streets, next to the BB&T Bank parking lot
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays at the intersection of West and Main streets, next to the BB&T Bank parking lot.

Information: 703-430-6164; www.fairfaxsatdaymarket.com.

Festival of Lights and Carols Held in December, this celebration features a community-wide holiday decorating and lighting competition. On the first Saturday in December, the city hosts a tree lighting, caroling festival and reception in Old Town Fairfax. Information: 703-385-7858.

Finance The Finance Department develops and implements the city's financial policies and procedures, and responds to public inquiries concerning financial operations. The following divisions are in the Finance Department: accounting, which oversees payroll, assets and financial reporting; purchasing, which provides the most cost effective method

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of processing goods, services, materials, and construction services for the City of Fairfax while adhering to the procurement laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the City Code; and budgeting, a division that maximizes city resources by identifying cost saving measures and making improvements to the budget process while developing and monitoring the city's annual operating and capital budgets.

This department also oversees the city's tax and rent relief programs and administers the city's employee retirement program; 703-385-7870.

See also: Budget; Financial Assistance; Purchasing; Real Estate Assessments, Taxes

Financial Assistance The city offers financial assistance in the form of real estate tax relief and rent relief to residents with disabilities and to elderly residents who meet certain financial qualifications. These programs are administered by the Finance Department; 703-385-7870.

See also: Disability Services; Housing Assistance Programs; Human Services; Senior Citizens.

Financial Education City residents have two non-profit resources for education on financial matters: Our Daily Bread (ODB) and Money Management International (MMI).

ODB, a resource for lower-income residents in Fairfax, offers many programs in a wide variety of topics, including one-on-one assistance in some cases. Topics include budget and credit classes, financial mentoring and financial literacy programs. Information: 703-273-8829; www.our-daily-bread.org.

MMI helps educate residents regarding financial matters such as credit and budget counseling, debt management, foreclosure prevention and bankruptcy. The non-profit organization, which provides service in the greater Washington, D.C. area as well as other areas of the nation, helps arrange payment plans and offers financial counseling to avoid debt. The nearest office is located at 3927 Old Lee Highway, Suite 101E, Fairfax. Information: (866) 889-9347; www.moneymanagement.org.

Fingerprinting The City of Fairfax Police Department offers fingerprinting to city residents and those who work in the city who are applying for a government job or trying to obtain a federal security clearance. Fingerprinting costs \$5. To make an appointment, call 703-385-7955.

The city police department no longer provides fingerprinting services for immigration purposes. To be fingerprinted for immigration purposes, call the Department of Homeland Security at 202-282-8000; www.dhs.gov.

Fire Department To report a fire or obtain emergency fire assistance or medical aid, call 9-1-1 (voice/TTY).

City fire protection and emergency medical services are provided by a combined force of salaried and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel from the City of Fairfax Fire Department and the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department. Additionally, Fairfax County has a reciprocal agreement with the city that provides back-up and fill-in services to the city when needed. Emergency medical care is furnished by full-time, 24-hour emergency medical technicians (EMT) and EMT-paramedics, both salaried and volunteer.

There are two fire stations in the city:

- Station 3, 4081 University Drive, 703-385-7878
- Station 33, 10101 Fairfax Boulevard, 703-385-7941

Fire department administrative offices are located at Fire Station 3; 703-385-7940.

In addition to providing fire and rescue services, the department offers a nationally recognized, award-winning home and commercial fire safety education training and inspection program. Free blood pressure testing is available at both fire stations.

The fire department also provides free smoke detectors and batteries for city residents upon request; 703-385-7830.

People 18 and older interested in becoming volunteer firefighters may contact the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department at 703-385-7877; fairfaxvfd.com.

Fire Prevention Code Permits City ordinances require a permit for certain

potentially hazardous situations, such as welding and the storage of large quantities of gasoline; use and storage of dynamite; storage and sale of fireworks; storage of compressed gases and radiation sources; and storage of combustible and flammable materials. The Code Administration offices issues Fire Prevention Code permits; 703-385-7830.

See also: Household Hazardous Waste Disposal.

Fire Stations The city has two fire stations: Fire Station 3 (4081 University Drive; 703-385-7878) and Fire Station 33 (10101 Fairfax Boulevard; 703-385-7941).

Fire Station 3 houses both the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department and the City of Fairfax Fire Department. Williams Memorial Hall, a banquet room in Station 3, is available for rental; call 703-385-7877, ext. 19.

Free blood pressure checks are offered at both fire stations.

Fishing Licenses A state license is required to fish in Virginia waters. Licenses are available by mail, on the Web, by phone and from license agents at many area parks and sporting goods stores. For information, contact the Virginia Commission on Game and Inland Fisheries, 4010 West Broad Street, P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23220; (866) 721-6911; www.dgif.virginia.gov.

Flood Plain Permission from the City of Fairfax is required for construction within the city's official 100-year flood plain. For information, call the Zoning Office at 703-385-7820.

Food Stamps *See: Social Services.*

Ford Building *See: History.*

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Gasoline Tax A gasoline tax is levied by the Commonwealth and a special transit gasoline tax is levied in Northern Virginia. The commonwealth collects the special transit tax and returns it to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, which, in turn, redistributes it to member jurisdictions (which includes the city). The jurisdictions must allocate the funds for MetroAccess (paratransit) and Metro rail and bus expenditures.

See also: Metro; Transportation; Taxes.

George Mason University *See: Colleges and Universities.*

Government The City of Fairfax operates under the council-manager form of government. All legislative powers are vested in the Mayor and six Councilmembers, elected at-large for two-year terms in May in even-numbered years.

The City Council establishes city policy, makes appointments to boards and commissions, passes resolutions and ordinances, approves the city budget and sets tax rates.

Although the Mayor and City Council do not have offices in City Hall, they can be contacted through City Hall at 703-385-7800, via e-mail, or at their homes (see the list in the addendum of this handbook).

Also elected by the voters is the School Board, which serves a two-year term and is elected in May on every even-numbered year. Elected to four-year terms in odd-numbered years are the city Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue, the Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney and — to an eight-year term — the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

A complete list of elected officials is provided in the addendum of this handbook.

As provided for in the city's charter, the city manager is the executive officer of the city government and is responsible to the City Council for the proper administration of the city government.

The city government is composed of nine departments: the City Manager's Office, Community Development and Planning, Finance, Fire, Information Technology, Parks and Recreation, Police, Public Works and Utilities.

In addition, the city contracts with Fairfax County to operate various services, including schools and health services.

See also: Elected Officials; Elections.

Grass Clippings *See: Recycling Service, Refuse Service.*

Green Acres Center Located 4401 Sideburn Road, the Green Acres Center houses the Young at Heart Senior Center and is the site of many Parks and Recreation classes and activities.

Rooms are available to rent by members of the public for meetings and social occasions; 703-385-7858.

Green Card The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issues Permanent Resident Cards (USCIS Form I-551), commonly known as “green cards,” to permanent non-U.S. citizen residents to verify their right to live and be legally employed in the United States. Information: (800) 375-5283; www.uscis.gov.

To renew green cards, complete USCIS Form I-90 - Application to Replace a Permanent Resident Card. Information: (800) 870-3676; www.uscis.gov.

See also: Citizenship; USCIS.

Gypsy Moths *See: Extension Services.*

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Handicapped Services *See: Disability Services.*

Hauling Permits All oversized or overweight vehicles traveling into or through the city must obtain in advance a hauling permit from the Public Works Department. Permits are available for a one-time trip or for multiple trips during the same calendar year; 703-385-7810.

Hazardous Use Permits *See: Fire Prevention Code Permits.*

Hazardous Waste Disposal *See: Household Hazardous Waste Disposal; Refuse Service.*

Health Department, Health Services The Fairfax County Health Department provides public health services to city residents under a contractual agreement with the city. These services include adult day health programs, school health programs and specialized clinics. Information is available from the Joseph Willard Health Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway; 703-246-7100; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Willard Health Center offers limited health services to city residents. Among these services are HIV/AIDS services, family planning, maternity and specialized child health care, international travel immunizations, tuberculin testing, immunization clinics, sexually transmitted disease control and some eye, speech, dental and hearing services. Also included are early intervention services for children to age 3 with developmental delays. Fees are charged according to the patient's ability to pay.

The Community Health Care Network at three locations in Fairfax County provide comprehensive health services to persons with low incomes. For information, call the Human Services coordinator at 703-385-7894.

The city participates in the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic, a joint venture between the Dental Society and local governments. Adults with low incomes may receive basic dental service at minimal cost. Information: 703-385-7894.

WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Food Program provides grains, juices and milk (or formula) for eligible pregnant women and children younger than age 5; 703-246-7100.

City residents may apply for health insurance for their children with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services Office of Program Partnerships; 703-324-5182.

Call the Fairfax County Health Department for the following services:

- well and septic issues: 703-246-2300
- restaurants and food safety issues: 703-246-2444

- insect and rodent control, swimming pool issues: 703-246-2300
 - enforcement of environmental state and local health regulations: 703-246-2205.
- See also: Hospitals, Health Facilities.*

Historic Buildings and Sites The City of Fairfax's historic buildings and landmarks serve as a reminder of the community's heritage and attest to the important role Fairfax played as a major crossroads and judicial center in northern Virginia.

Most historic sites are located within the city's historic Old Town Fairfax. In 1987, the City of Fairfax Historic District was named to the National Register of Historic Places. The district includes a variety of building types and styles, including the Fairfax Court House (1800), Ratcliffe-Allison House (1812), Gunnell House (1835), Ford House (1835), Fairfax Elementary School (1873, converted in 1992 into the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center), Old Fairfax Jail (1885), Old Town Hall (1900) and the Marr Monument (1904).

Historic properties outside the Historic District illustrate the area's 19th century rural heritage and 20th century transformation into a suburb of Washington, D.C. Blenheim, the brick farmhouse on Old Lee Highway, was built circa 1855 and is famed for its more than 100 inscriptions from Union soldiers when the Fairfax Court House area was occupied intermittently from 1862-65. Blenheim, which is on the National Register, is being restored and is open to the public during the annual Civil War Weekend held in June. The 29 Diner, built in 1940 on the Fairfax Boulevard commercial corridor, also is listed in the National Register.

Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (HFCI), a non-profit organization, helps the city interpret historic sites and raise funds for building preservation. HFCI is the advisory board to the city's Office of Historic Resources, charged with managing the operation of city-owned historic properties. HFCI always welcomes new members; 703-385-8415.

Free brochures provide a walking tour of noteworthy buildings and monuments in Old Town Fairfax and offer a brief history of the city. These brochures are available at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center and City Hall. HFCI offers guided walking tours of Old Town Fairfax and other areas of interest; call 703-385-8414 .

See also: Blenheim; Fairfax Civil War Day; History; Museum; Ratcliffe-Allison House and Kitty Pozer Garden.

Historic Resources The city's Historic Resources Office oversees the city's historic properties and programs, as well as the Capital Campaign for the Preservation of Historic Properties and the Capital Campaign Recognition Program.

Through the Capital Campaign Recognition Program, citizens may honor individuals and groups with engravings and nameplates on architecture in city public spaces and custom-designed projects for historic properties. Send tax-deductible donations to HFCI, c/o Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please make checks payable to "HFCI — Capital Campaign." Information: 703-273-5452.

Citizens also may purchase City of Fairfax license plates from the Department of Motor Vehicles. The commonwealth gives the city \$15 per plate purchased or renewed each year. The city allocates these funds for historic preservation projects. Plates are available from the limited service DMV office in City Hall. Information: 703-385-7880.

See also: Blenheim; Civil War Weekend; DMV; History; Museum; Ratcliffe-Allison House and Kitty Pozer Garden.

History The area that now comprises the City of Fairfax was first settled in the early 1700s by farmers migrating from Virginia's Tidewater region for religious and economic reasons.

Fairfax County was established in 1742. When Alexandria, where the county court was located, temporarily became a part of the District of Columbia, the county court was established at the corner of what was then called Little River Turnpike and Ox Road, a major regional crossroads then and now.

The little town surrounding the court was then known as Earp's Corner and in 1805, by an act of the state legislature, named the Town of Providence. However, for years it was commonly called "Fairfax Court House" and was officially renamed Town

of Fairfax in 1874.

Fairfax was the scene of several noteworthy events during the American Civil War. Captain John Quincy Marr, the first officer casualty of the Confederacy, was killed at Fairfax Courthouse on June 1, 1861. By late 1862, Union forces under the command of Brigadier General Edwin H. Stoughton occupied the town. In a raid led by Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby in March 1863, Stoughton was captured while he slept in a house belonging to Truro Episcopal Church.

Also in 1863, Antonia Ford, whose girlhood home at 3977 Chain Bridge Road is the modern-day Ford Building, was imprisoned as a Southern spy for aiding the Confederacy. Union Major Joseph C. Willard secured her release from prison after seven months, and they wed. Their son Joseph financed the building of Old Town Hall in 1900. The story of Antonia Ford is told in a special exhibit in the Ford Building, a gift to the city from The Woman's Club of Fairfax.

Two other former private residences played interesting parts in Fairfax history. The Ratcliffe-Allison House, the oldest residence in the city at 10386 Main Street, was built in 1812 and is open as a historic house museum. The residence on city-owned Historic Blenheim at 3610 Old Lee Highway housed Union soldiers during the Civil War, and graffiti written by soldiers has been found on the walls of the attic.

Through the early 20th century, the Town of Fairfax remained a community of farms and small estates, with a tiny core of commerce, government and society in the few blocks surrounding the courthouse.

In the 1950s and 1960s, however, Fairfax grew rapidly (including an almost 700 percent increase in population during the '50s). In 1961, the town was incorporated as the City of Fairfax. The city's boundaries expanded in three directions as it grew to its present 6.34 square miles, and the population currently has peaked at 23,349.

Residents are only part of the picture. Incredible growth and activity in and around the city — thriving local businesses, the development in neighboring Fairfax County near the city's border and the expansion of George Mason University — increases the total population of the city during business and school hours to about 100,000.

Though this creates a need for more city services, the mix of commercial and residential property means city homeowners generate less than half of the city's revenues.

City residents enjoy many advantages that people in neighboring jurisdictions do not, including refuse collection and snow removal by the local government at no additional cost and tax rates lower than those of other jurisdictions.

Fairfax, Virginia: A City Traveling Through Time is a book written by local historians that offers an in-depth view of Fairfax including numerous historic properties. The book is sold at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, along with a number of other books on the history of the region.

See also: Historic Buildings and Sites; Museum; Ratcliffe-Allison House and Kitty Pozzer Garden.

Holiday Craft Show The Holiday Craft Show is held on the third Saturday and Sunday in November at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run.

About 300 vendors fill the school with their handcrafted items and Santa drops by for photo opportunities and to listen to children's requests.

For information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-385-7858.

Home-Based Business *See: Building Alterations, Inspections and Permits; Business.*

Home Improvement Programs and Services The city actively encourages the renovation and maintenance of its existing housing through the Neighborhood Renaissance Program. Neighborhood Renaissance is administered through the Community Development and Planning Department. Information: 703-385-7805.

Contractor Reference Book — The Neighborhood Renaissance Program coordinator maintains a reference book that provides information on contractors that city residents have used. The book is available for viewing during regular business hours in City Hall Annex Room 207.

Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation — The corporation is a non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of residential neighborhoods in the city, in

conjunction with a local bank, will make available home improvement loans to owners of single family homes in the city. These two-year loans are not income-sensitive and are available for modernizing or repairing city homes built at least 10 years ago. Information: 703-385-7805.

Home Repair Assistance Programs — Residents with a low to moderate income may be eligible for several home improvement programs, including Rebuilding Together, Home Repair for the Elderly (703-246-5154) and Hearts and Hammers/Rebuilding Together (703-528-5606).

Tax Exemption — The city offers a partial real estate tax exemption to homeowners who substantially renovate their older home. The exemption program managed by the Real Estate Assessment Office was created to encourage renovation and revitalization of aging residential structures. The exemption amount is based on the increased value of the residential structure that has been substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced. *Applications must be submitted before the project is started.* Information: 703-385-7840.

See also: Disability Service; Senior Citizens.

Home Improvements *See: Building Permits; Home Improvement Programs and Services.*

Home Occupation Permits To protect the nature of residential neighborhoods, the city requires residents with home-based businesses to obtain a home occupation permit. The business type and its scope determine if a major home occupation permit or minor home occupation permit is required. To qualify for either, business owners must live in the dwelling during non-business hours and must have a business license. Business must be conducted within the confines of the residence. Telecommuters are exempt. For information, call the Zoning Office at 703-385-7820.

Homeless Shelters *See: Shelters; Women's Programs.*

Horticulturist *See: Arborist; Extension Services; Tree Planting.*

Hospitals, Health Facilities City residents are served by a myriad of health services in and near the city. For emergency ambulance service, dial 9-1-1 (voice/TTY).

Fairfax Nursing Center, 10701 Main Street, provides medical care for patients age 18 and older. This includes long-term care, short-term or respite care, sub-acute care and dementia care; 703-273-7705; www.fairfaxnursingcenter.com.

Inova Commonwealth Care Center is a modern, 137-bed nursing home for long-term care. The center is located at 4315 Chain Bridge Road; 703-934-5060; www.inova.com.

Inova Emergency Care of Fairfax offers 24-hour emergency care for both minor and life-threatening illnesses and injuries. Laboratory and x-ray services are available on-site, and rapid helicopter evacuation to Fairfax Hospital's trauma unit is available for critically ill and injured patients. The center is located at 4315 Chain Bridge Road; 703-591-9322; www.inova.com.

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital is a 151-bed facility located near the city. The hospital provides a full range of emergency, medical, surgical, critical, orthopedic, obstetric and pediatric care services. Extensive diagnostic and outpatient services also are offered. The hospital is located at 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive; 703-391-3600; www.inova.com.

Inova Fairfax Hospital, located near the intersection of the Capital Beltway and Route 50, offers surgical, medical, obstetric, neonatal, pediatric, psychiatric and trauma care. The 656-bed hospital, the largest in Northern Virginia, also provides outpatient clinics, diagnostic services and a fully staffed emergency department for around-the-clock service. The hospital is located at 3300 Gallows Road; 703-776-4001; www.inova.com.

Sunrise at George Mason Assisted Living Center provides assisted living for seniors who can no longer live on their own at home but who do not need skilled nursing care. Sunrise is affiliated with Inova Health Care Systems, a non-profit health system. The center is located at 4300 George Mason Boulevard; 703-934-5069; www.sunrise-al.com.

The Woodburn Mental Health Center offers publicly funded mental health services for city residents, including emergency service and treatment, individual and group psychotherapy for children and adults, services to the chronically mentally ill, residential-based treatment services, court-related services and a prevention program. The center

is located at 3340 Woodburn Road, Annandale; 703-573-0523 (emergency 24-hour service: 703-573-5679; mental health intake: 703-481-4230); www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board administers all publicly funded mental health programs. The office is located at 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 836; 703-324-7000; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Hotlines Assistance is available 24 hours from these phone numbers:

- Adult Protective Services: 703-324-7450
- Children Protective Services: 703-324-7400
- Crisislink Hotline: 703-527-4077
- Poison Control Center: 800-222-1222
- Rape Crisis Hotline: 703-360-7273
- Victim Assistance: 703-360-7273
- Victim/Witness Services: 703-246-2141
- Women's Shelter: 703-435-4940
- Woodburn Mental Health Center Emergency Line: 703-573-5679

See also: Children; Disability Services; Senior Citizens; Women's Programs.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Residents must take household hazardous waste, such as insecticides, oil based paints and all other hazardous waste to the Fairfax County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility at 4618 West Ox Road. This site is open 1 - 5 p.m. Thursdays, 8 a.m. to noon Fridays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. Information: 703-324-5068; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Used motor oil and motor oil filters may be disposed of at the city's Property Yard, 3410 Pickett Road. For information, call 703-385-7837.

The city publishes *How to Dispose of Items in the City*, a flyer that provides information on disposal and recycling facilities available to city residents. For a copy of the flyer, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7855.

See also: Refuse Service.

Housing Assistance Programs The City of Fairfax participates in the federally-funded Community Development Block Grant Program. Under the Home Improvement Loan Program, eligible residents may receive loans for renovations or home improvements; 703-246-5155.

As part of the block-grant program, the city also participates in the Home Repair for the Elderly Program, which provides minor home repairs for income-eligible senior citizens as well as handicapped homeowners of any age. Information: 703-246-5154.

Under the U.S. Department of Housing and Human Services Housing Choice Voucher Program, low-income City of Fairfax households may be eligible for rental assistance. Information: 703-385-3662.

All housing assistance programs are administered for the city by the Fairfax County Housing and Community Development Authority.

See also: Shelters; Social Services.

Huddleson Library *See: Library.*

Human Services Receive help identifying and accessing a broad array of human services in our community from the city's Human Services Office; 703-385-7894 (TTY: 7-1-1).

Information also is available by dialing 2-1-1 (TTY: 7-1-1).

See also: 2-1-1, Shelters; Social Services.

Hunting A state license is required to hunt in Virginia; however, hunting is prohibited within the City of Fairfax. Licenses are available by mail, on the Web, by phone and from license agents at many area parks and sporting goods stores. For information, contact the Virginia Commission on Game and Inland Fisheries, 4010 West Broad Street, P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23220; (866) 721-6911; www.dgif.virginia.gov.

Immigration and Naturalization Services *See: Citizenship; Green Card.*

Immunizations Virginia law requires that every new student be immunized against various diseases, and students who lack required documentation of immunizations may be barred from attendance at public schools. Objections based on religious grounds may be discussed with the principal. Information: 703-786-5219; www.fcps.edu.

Routine and international travel immunizations are available at the Willard Health Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-246-7100; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

See also: Schools.

Income Tax State income taxes are required of every person who lived in Virginia during the tax year or maintained a residence in Virginia for more than 183 days (provided their Virginia adjusted gross income is above the filing threshold). Income and exemptions are prorated for less than a full year. For forms and assistance, contact the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-385-7884.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) oversees federal income tax. The nearest IRS office is located at 5205 Leesburg Pike, Suite 200, Bailey's Crossroads, VA 22041; 703-756-6663; www.irs.gov.

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue provides free assistance with federal and state tax returns from February through early April; 703-385-7880.

Free assistance with federal taxes also is provided from February through mid-April to by volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) trained by the Internal Revenue Service and by Volunteer Tax Information Assistance (VITA). To find the nearest VITA site: (800) 829-1040; www.irs.gov, www.vita-volunteers.org.

See also: Internal Revenue Service.

Independence Day Celebration The Parks and Recreation Department oversees many activities in celebration of Independence Day.

The city's Independence Day Parade begins at 10 a.m. rain or shine, stepping off from the Massey Building and winding through Old Town Fairfax.

During the afternoon, firefighters from around the region compete in an old-fashioned firefighter competition, the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center holds an open house and many historic buildings are open for tours.

An evening show featuring entertainment and fireworks is held at Fairfax High School's Stalnakier Stadium (rain date for fireworks only is the following day).

When July 4 falls on a Sunday, festivities are held either the day before or the day after. Information: 703-385-7858.

Information *See: Community Relations.*

Information Technology The Information Technology Department (IT) provides leadership and guidance to city departments in the introduction and use of new technologies that enhance city services to users.

The staff provides an array of technical services and products for city management, staff, elected officials, residents and business owners. Among these services are development and implementation of the strategic IT plan, centralized computer support for municipal functions, software and database analysis and design, security of electronically-stored information, microcomputer and peripheral support, and local and wide-area network communication design and implementation.

IT manages the city's website at www.fairfaxva.gov, which contains information about the city government and services and provides many services. On the website, residents and business owners may pay taxes, register vehicles for personal property taxes, peruse real estate records, read the City Code and more, as well as links to other sites of importance. Information available online includes CUE Bus schedules, special events information, City Council agendas and televised meetings, city government elected officials e-mail addresses and more. The site continues to evolve as new information is added. Information: 703-385-7896.

The city's Geographic Information System (GIS), managed by IT, integrates hardware, software and data for capturing, managing, analyzing and displaying geographically referenced information. GIS maps are on the city's website.

See also: website.

Inoperable Motor Vehicles *See: Automobiles.*

Inspections Inspections of non-building improvements on commercial and residential development sites and right-of-way work requiring a street opening permit may be arranged by calling 703-385-7828.

See also: Building Alterations, Inspections and Permits; Right-of-Way Permits.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) The nearest office of the IRS is located at 5205 Leesburg Pike, Suite 200, Bailey's Crossroads, VA 22041; 703-756-6663; www.irs.gov. For live telephone assistance, call (800) 829-1040.

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Jail *See: Detention Facilities.*

Jury Duty City residents may be chosen for jury duty in federal court and Fairfax County Circuit Court. Jurors are selected from Virginia DMV records and from voter registration rolls.

Those who receive a summons for jury duty must respond, or they could be found in contempt of court. Jury notices will list contact information, based on the court where potential jurors are summoned.

Juvenile Cases (Family Court) *See: Court.*

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Landlord/Tenant Issues For landlord/tenant disputes or problems, contact the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs; (800) 552-9963; www.vdacs.virginia.gov.

Lawn Care *See: Extension Services; Overgrown Lots/Vegetation.*

Lawyers *See: Attorneys.*

Leaf Collection The city collects loose leaves placed at the curb in the autumn and during April (the city's Spring Clean-up Month). The dates for leaf collection are published in *The Cityscene*, on Cityscreen-12 and on the city's website. Information: 703-385-LEAF (5323).

During curbside leaf collection, residents must rake leaves to the curb for collection. There is no set collection schedule because leaf collection trucks circulate among different neighborhoods. Small yard debris such as weeds and sticks may be placed in leaf piles. However, stones, brush and other large debris must be placed separate at the curb because they can injure workers, damage machinery and delay pickup.

During other times of the year, leaves must be raked into paper or plastic bags or into trash cans marked "yard waste" and placed at the curb, separate from trash, for collection on refuse collection days. Leaves are not collected with trash — leaves are banned from the Fairfax County landfill, which the city uses.

The city's air pollution ordinance prohibits all open burning of leaves and other yard waste.

The city does not collect debris created by contractors.

Legal Assistance *See: Attorneys.*

Library Library services are provided to city residents under a contract agreement with Fairfax County. The City of Fairfax Regional Library at 10360 North Street contains the largest number of books of the county's nearly two dozen libraries; 703-293-6227; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Virginia Room in the library is an excellent resource for Virginia history and genealogy; 703-293-6227, ext. 6.

The library provides reference services, video, newspapers, magazines, recorded books and music, talking and large print books, business/technical and Virginia collections, Internet access, copy machines and meeting rooms. There is a fee for some of these services. Information: 703-293-6227; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

The hours for the City of Fairfax Regional Library are:

- Monday: 1- 9 p.m.
- Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Wednesday: 1- 9 p.m.
- Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday: 1-5 p.m.

The Huddleson Library Board of Trustees operates a lending library for use by city residents on the second floor of Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. Huddleson Library features an excellent selection of recent bestsellers, regional histories and one of the area's best collections of mystery and detective novels. Hours vary. Information: 703-273-2377.

License Plates *See: Automobiles.*

Licenses and Permits *See information under individual listing.*

Little League *See: Children.*

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Magistrate *See: Courts.*

Maps Free street maps of the city are available from the Information Technology Department; 703-246-6331. Bike/trail maps are available from the Parks and Recreation Department; 703-385-7858. CUE Bus maps/schedules are available from the CUE Bus office; 703-385-7859. Other city maps, tax maps, zoning maps, flood plain maps, topographic maps, etc. are available, some for a nominal fee. Many maps are available on the city's website.

Marriage Licenses Marriage licenses are issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 4110 Chain Bridge Road. The fee is \$30 cash or Visa/MasterCard (with a 4 percent processing fee).

Both parties must appear before the clerk to obtain a license and bring valid identification (current driver's license, military ID or passport). Both parties must provide their Social Security numbers. Applicants who are not U.S. residents must bring their current passports.

Applicants ages 16-18 must appear with a parent who has valid identification. The court will provide a special affidavit for the parents' signature.

Neither blood tests nor witnesses are required, and there is no waiting period once the license is issued. The license is valid for 60 days. There are no residency requirements, and a couple may obtain this license from any circuit court in Virginia. However, the marriage must take place in Virginia.

Marriages are not performed in the Clerk's office, but applicants may obtain a list of marriage celebrants who may perform the ceremony. The list of celebrants is available at the court, on the Circuit Court Web page at www.fairfaxcounty.gov, or by mail (send

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a written request with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030). Celebrants may charge up to \$50 to perform the ceremony, including travel expenses.

Information: 703-691-7320 then press 3, 6, 1, 2; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Marriage Licenses, Certified The Fairfax County Circuit Court maintains a record of all certified marriages licensed by Fairfax County Circuit Court.

Certified copies of marriage licenses issued by the Fairfax Circuit Court are available from the Fairfax Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road. Cost is \$2.50 each; in person, copies may be purchased by cash, cashier's check or money order payable to "Clerk of the Circuit Court" or Visa/MasterCard (with a 4 percent processing fee).

To apply for a copy by mail, include the full name of the groom and the bride (including the bride's maiden name) and the date of marriage. Mail requests to Fairfax Circuit Court, Attention: Marriage License Copies, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 116, Fairfax, VA 22030. Cost is \$2.50 per copy payable by cashier's check or money order. Allow at least two weeks for delivery.

Marriage licenses issued between July 1, 1997 and July 30, 2001 are available only to the bride and groom for information security reasons. Information: 703-246-4100; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

A copy of certified marriage licenses also can be obtained from the Virginia Department of Health in Richmond by immediate family only. To apply for a copy by mail, include the full name of the groom and the bride, the date and place of marriage. Also include an explanation of your relationship to the person on the certificate and the reason for the certificate request, as well as a photocopy of your legal identification document (which includes a driver's license, passport, military ID, "green card," etc.) and a check or money order for \$12 — made payable to the State Health Department — and mail to the Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23208-1000. Allow up to four weeks for processing and mailing of the certificate. Information: (804) 662-6200; www.vdh.state.va.us.

VitalChek offers expedited service for ordering marriage certificates; (877) 572-6333; www.vitalchek.com.

To pick up a copy in person, visit The Shops at Willow Lawn, 1601 Willow Lawn Drive, Suite 275, Richmond, VA 23230; (804) 662-6200.

Meals Tax In addition to the state sales tax, the city levies a 4 percent tax on all prepared food and drink sold in the city.

See also: Taxes.

Medicaid *See: Social Services.*

Mental Health Services The Woodburn Mental Health Center offers publicly funded mental health services for city residents. It is located at 3340 Woodburn Road, Annandale; 703-481-4230 (emergency 24-hour service: 703-573-5679).

Among the mental health services available are emergency service and treatment, individual and group psychotherapy for children and adults, services to the chronically mentally ill, residential-based treatment services, court-related services and a prevention program.

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 836; 703-324-7000; www.fairfaxcounty.gov) administers all mental health programs.

See also: Hospitals, Health Facilities.

Mental Retardation Services The Community Services Board provides a number of services for persons with intellectual disabilities and their families, including information and referral, adaptive skills training, work skills development, sheltered and competitive employment opportunities, case-management services and respite and residential placement.

For information, contact the Community Services Board Case Management Center, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 303; 703-324-4400; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Metro The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) operates buses and a rapid-rail train system (commonly called “Metro”) throughout the metropolitan Washington area.

The nearest Metrorail station is the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU station about a mile north of the city. The city’s CUE Bus system travels to that station. Parking is available at the station, although it does fill up rapidly on weekdays. Scheduling and fare information are available from customer service from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on weekends; 202-637-7000; www.wmata.com.

SmarTrip cards, sold by Metro, are permanent, rechargeable fare cards for use on Metro buses and trains, on CUE Buses and on other local public transit systems. These plastic cards cost \$5. Regular SmarTrip cards may be purchased at the Treasurer’s Office in City Hall, Metrorail stations with parking, Metro sales offices, retail outlets and commuter stores. Special SmarTrip cards that provide discounted fares are available for seniors age 65 and older and people with disabilities, with valid identification, at certain sales locations — *however, senior SmarTrip cards are not sold at City Hall*. Information: (888) 762-7874; www.wmata.com.

MetroAccess Paratransit Services provides transportation for disabled residents who travel inside or out of the city limits within the WMATA service area; (301) 562-5360, (TTY: 301-588-7535).

Miss Utility To locate city water lines and other underground utilities, contact Miss Utility 48 hours in advance of digging; 8-1-1; (800) 257-7777; www.missutility.net.

Motor Vehicles *See: Automobiles; DMV.*

Mulch Residents may pick up mulch from any of Fairfax County’s mulch facilities. The closest one is the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road. Availability varies. For information on locations and availability, call 703-324-5995; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

The city’s Public Works Department delivers mulch to neighborhoods for community use upon request by civic associations with certain restrictions. Information: 703-385-7837.

Museum The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (except on New Year’s Day, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving, half-day Christmas Eve and Christmas Day).

The museum is located in the historic Fairfax Elementary School building at 10209 Main Street and focuses on the history of Fairfax and Northern Virginia. The museum, which has an extensive gift shop for Fairfax memorabilia and history-related items, features both permanent and temporary exhibitions.

“The Fairfax Story,” a permanent exhibition at the museum, encompasses 250 years of local and regional history, including the American Civil War’s impact on Fairfax. Guided tours of the museum may be scheduled; 703-385-8415; (800) 545-7950 (toll-free).

Lectures, tours and other history-related programs are offered, many of which are free — including the Second Sunday Series, which is held at 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month. (*Please note: special topics or holidays may change the date or location of the event*). The city lists the museum’s event schedule in the *Cityscene*, on Cityscreen-12 and on the city website.

The museum also offers tourist and visitor information for the area and numerous brochures, including a self-guided walking tour of historic Old Town Fairfax. The building is fully accessible. Information: 703-385-8414.

See also: Tours and History Programs; Tourism Information.

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Neighborhood Renaissance Program *See: Home Improvement Programs and Services.*

Newslines The city has the following newslines available 24 hours a day:

- City Government News and Events Line: 703-273-1776

- Fire Department Newsline: 703-352-7984
- Police Information Newsline: 703-385-7956

Newspaper Recycling *See: Recycling Service.*

Non-Residential Use Permits Before a business may occupy space or open in the city, the proprietor must apply for a non-residential use permit from the Zoning Office.

When a permit application is submitted, the zoning administrator reviews the application and the Code Administration Office performs an occupancy inspection of the building. If improvements are required before occupancy, the zoning administrator ensures all required repairs and inspections are conducted. Information: 703-385-7820.

Northern Virginia Community College *See: Colleges and Universities.*

Notary To become a notary public, a citizen must be at least 18 years of age, live or work in Virginia, read and write English and never have been convicted of a felony.

The same procedures apply for new commissions or commission renewals.

Notary applications are available in person, by mail or online at the Fairfax County Circuit Court Web page at www.fairfaxcounty.gov. To receive an application by mail, send a written request and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fairfax Circuit Court, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, Attention: Notary Public Application.

Complete application sections 1-3, then mail the application with a check for \$35 (made payable to the *Treasurer of Virginia*) to the Notary Clerk, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, P.O. Box 1795, Richmond, VA 23218-1795.

In four to six weeks, a letter will be sent from Richmond stating the commission has been sent to the location requested. Upon receipt of this letter, wait three business days, then call the Circuit Court to confirm the court has received the commission: 703-691-7320, then press 3, 6, 0.

The applicant must appear in person to take an oath and receive the commission within 60 days after it is issued. The applicant must bring identification and a fee of \$10 payable by cash, check made payable to *Clerk of the Court* or Visa/MasterCard (subject to a 4 percent fee).

The notary office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Information: 703-691-7320, then press 3, 6, 2; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Many employees of the City of Fairfax are notaries, and are available to notarize documents at no charge during regular business hours. Information: 703-385-7855.

Nursing Homes *See: Assisted Living Residences; Hospitals, Health Facilities.*

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Occupancy Permits An occupancy permit must be issued before a new single-family home is occupied and before a non-resident property owner rents or leases a single-family house. Permits are issued by the Code Administration Office; 703-385-7830.

See also: Rental Occupancy Permits; Residential Use Permits.

Old Town Hall Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, is a landmark of the city's nationally recognized historic district.

Built in 1900 and presented to the town by Joseph E. Willard, the classical-style structure has a modern kitchen and bathroom facilities. The building is fully accessible and has an elevator to the second floor.

On the second floor of Old Town Hall is Huddleson Memorial Library, which features thousands of books available for checkout by city residents. Also on the second floor is a gallery featuring the work of local artists of the Fairfax Art League. Hours vary; call 703-385-7858.

Adjacent to Old Town Hall is the Kitty Pozer Garden, a landscaped oasis in the middle of busy Old Town Fairfax.

The building and adjacent garden are owned by the city. Old Town Hall is available

for rent for social and business functions, as well as for community use. Information: 703-385-7858.

See also: History; Library.

Overgrown Lots / Vegetation Property owners are responsible for cutting grass and other vegetation on their property, whether the property is in use or vacant.

If grass and weeds grow six inches high or higher on any property, the Code Administration Office will issue a notice requiring weeds to be cut within 10 days. If this is not done after 10 days, the city will cut the offending vegetation at the property owner's expense. The city also may issue fines for repeated violations. Information: 703-385-7830.

Oversized Vehicles *See: Automobiles; Hauling Permits.*

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Parking *See: Automobiles.*

Parking Passenger vehicles may be parked in driveways, in residential parking lots and in garages. Vehicles may not be parked on unsurfaced areas, such as lawns, except for short periods of time — 48 hours or less — for the purpose of repairing, loading, unloading or cleaning.

Boats, trailers, semi-trailers — Boats, trailers and semi-trailers must be parked off-street (in a driveway, garage, etc.). However, these auxiliary vehicles may be temporarily parked in the street for up to 48 hours for the purpose of loading, unloading, cleaning or repair.

Commercial vehicles — Vehicles with commercial registration or signs on them may park in the street while providing service to nearby homes in a residential area. Otherwise, no commercial vehicles (including sedans, vans, trucks, etc.) may park on public or private streets in residential zones.

Resident who drive a commercial vehicle home from work may park one such vehicle, not exceeding 9,000 pounds, in their driveway. These business vehicles may not be parked permanently at the residence, only “after hours,” when the driver is not at work.

Residents with home-based businesses may not park commercial vehicles on the street in front of their residence. Also, vehicles in driveways may not have signage that advertises a business located at the address where they are parked.

Parking enforcement — For information on parking enforcement, call 703-293-7100.

Recreational vehicles — Recreational vehicles may not be parked overnight on residential streets. No more than one recreational vehicle may be parked in a residential driveway, and that vehicle may not weigh more than 15,000 pounds.

Temporary storage units — Accessory storage structures, similar to a backyard shed, are not permitted in driveways, front yards or on public streets. They may be placed behind a residence and must comply with required setback from the property line.

See also: Automobiles, Storage Units.

Parking Permits *See: Automobiles.*

Parking Tickets *See: Automobiles.*

Parks The quality of life in the city is enhanced by the existence of open space, parkland and a varied recreational program. The Parks and Recreation Department maintains more than 150 acres of parkland and athletic facilities.

A map of city parks (and listing of each park's amenities) is available in the addendum of this handbook. A trails/bike trails map also is available from the Parks and Recreation Department; 703-385-7858.

Residents and business owners help maintain and enhance city parkland through the Adopt-a-Park and Gifts for Parks programs.

The Parks and Recreation Department schedules use of all athletic fields in city parks. The department also schedules park picnic shelters for community use. Information:

703-385-7858.

Perhaps the most popular city park, Van Dyck Park on Old Lee Highway covers 20 acres and includes sheltered picnic facilities, a lighted basketball court, an exercise trail, four lighted tennis courts, a tot lot, three large multipurpose play areas and an activity center. The largest park, 48-acre Daniels Run, separates the Little River Hills and Old Lee Hills subdivisions. The heavily wooded site includes a picnic shelter with grills, playground equipment and bike paths.

Providence Park, which covers 17 acres at the end of West Drive, and 18-acre Ranger Road Park also are heavily wooded and equipped with a variety of innovative playground equipment. Park facilities include paved basketball courts, sheltered picnic areas with grills and, at Providence Park, a tennis court.

At the western edge of the city is Kutner Park, which has a tennis court, soccer field and an activity center. In addition, smaller parks and several lighted ballfields are scattered throughout the city.

An agreement with Fairfax County allows city residents to use county parks and recreation programs at the same rate or cost as county residents. The county's parks system offers more than 14,000 acres of parkland and a variety of facilities, including neighborhood, community, district and historic parks, nature study and recreation centers, skating rinks, swimming pools, marinas, public golf courses, tennis courts, playing fields, paths and trails, as well as special activities and programs. Information: 703-324-8700; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

The City of Fairfax annually contributes to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA), and city residents are afforded free or member rate entry to NVRPA parks and facilities. The authority operates 21 parks in Northern Virginia, nearly half of which are in Fairfax County. These parks offer 10,000 acres of hiking, picnicking, boating, fishing, camping and many other outdoor recreational activities. NVRPA offices are located at 5400 Ox Road; 703-352-5900; www.nvrpa.org.

Passports U.S. passport applications and renewal passport applications are available on the Internet at www.travel.state.gov or at the city's two U.S. Post Offices (10660 Page Avenue and 3601 Pickett Road). Different applications are required for passport renewal and new passport applications.

Applicants must apply for a new passport if:

- this is the applicant's first passport
- the previous passport was lost, stolen or damaged
- the previous passport expired more than 15 years ago
- the applicant was younger than 16 when the first passport was issued
- the applicant's name has changed since the passport was issued and the applicant cannot produce a legal document proving the name change
- the applicant is a minor child age 14 or older.

A renewal application must be completed if the applicant was 16 years of age or older when the last passport was issued, and the passport was issued within the last 15 years.

Those who do not currently have a passport or do not meet the renewal qualifications must have the following three items to apply for a passport:

- proof of citizenship (such as a certified copy of a birth certificate, expired passport or naturalization certificate);
- two 2x2-inch identical photographs with a white background;
- and a photo identification with an identifying number and expiration date.

Children age 13 and younger or children with no identification of their own may use their parents' identification for this process.

Applicants ages 14-17 must appear in person with a parent, and both parent and applicant must sign the passport application. For a child younger than age 14, the parent must complete the application and the child need not appear.

Personal checks are accepted for passport fees; make checks payable to "U.S. Department of State." For applicants age 16 and older, the fee is \$75. For applicants younger than age 16, the fee is \$60. For those applying in person, there also is a \$25 charge per passport.

To request a passport application or renewal passport application by mail, send a written request and a self-addressed stamped envelope to National Passport Center,

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P.O. Box 371971, Pittsburgh, PA, 15250-9971. For a passport application, request the “DS-11 Application for Passport.” For a renewal passport application, request “DS-82 Application for Passport By Mail.”

Most passport agencies accept passport applications in person only by appointment. Call the nearest office for an appointment. The two U.S. Post Offices in the city accept passport applications: 10660 Page Avenue (703-591-0458) or 3601 Pickett Road (703-239-2901).

Allow up to six weeks for the passport application to be processed. Expedited processing of passports is available. For information, call the National Passport Information Center at (877) 487-2778; www.travel.state.gov.

For an expedited passport, call the Washington Passport Agency at 202-647-0518; travel.state.gov/passport/about/agencies/agencies_902.html. Appointments are accepted from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays at 1111 19th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20524. To qualify for expedited service, applicants must be able to document that they have travel plans in the next 14 calendar days.

Peddling, Canvassing and Soliciting All non-profit and for-profit organizations must have a city permit to peddle, canvass or solicit for funds or to conduct sales. Call the City of Fairfax Police Department at 703-385-7955 to apply for a peddling permit.

People are encouraged to ask all solicitors who visit a residence or business to show their peddling permit. If they fail to display a permit or do not have one, report this to the city police at 703-385-7924.

City police and fire departments solicit funds on behalf of their own organizations. *The Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department* mails a donation letter twice a year; 703-385-7877.

The Fairfax City Police Association would provide solicitation on behalf of the City of Fairfax Police Department; 703-385-7960.

The City of Fairfax Fire Department employees are members of the City of Fairfax Professional Firefighters and Paramedics Association and participate with the *Northern Virginia Coalition of Professional Firefighters* to solicit funds; 703-385-7941.

Permits and Licenses *See information under individual listing.*

Personal Property Tax City residents who own motor vehicles, boats, campers or trailers are subject to a personal property tax. The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue sends personal property tax notices to affected residents and business owners in the spring, and only those who have changes to their notice are required to reply. Forms are supplied by the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue; 703-385-7883.

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue assesses the value of personal property. The City Council sets the rate of the property tax rate, and personal property taxes are due to the City Treasurer October 5. To find out the current tax rate, see the addendum of this handbook or call 703-385-7880.

Residents and business owners must file personal property reports within 60 days of a vehicle being garaged in the city (i.e., owners purchasing a vehicle or moving into the city). After 60 days, owners are assessed a penalty of 10 percent of the tax. Personal property taxes are prorated. Information: 703-385-7884.

The commonwealth pays a portion of the personal property tax, and the remainder is paid by the taxpayers. There are no exemptions from personal property tax. Information: 703-385-7900.

See also: Taxes.

Pest Problems Residents with tree and plant insect infestations may seek information from the Fairfax County Master Gardener Association; 703-324-5393; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Rodent and vector control in the city is managed by the Fairfax County Health Department; 703-246-2411.

See also: Extension Services; Health Department, Health Services.

Phone Book Recycling *See: Recycling Service.*

Planning *See: Community Development and Planning.*

Plats The Community Development and Planning Department (CDP) maintains copies of plats for city house locations and subdivisions. House location plats are detailed drawings that give the dimensions and locations of structures on a specific parcel of land. Plats for city subdivisions show easements, road dedications, and the actual subdivision of land into lots. People may view plats or obtain copies from the Zoning Office; 703-385-7820.

House location plats do not show easements on the property, but easement information is available from CDP; 703-385-7930.

Playground Program *See: Children; Recreation Programs.*

Poisoning Call the Poison Control Center at (800) 222-1222.

Police In emergencies, call 9-1-1 (voice/TTY) or 703-359-2480 (TTY).

Law enforcement, including patrol and detective services, crime prevention and community service activities, is carried out by the City of Fairfax Police Department. The City of Fairfax Police Station is located at 3730 Old Lee Highway. The central non-emergency number is 703-385-7924 (TTY: 703-359-2480).

The police department participates in several crime prevention, youth services, community relations and traffic safety programs. The Police Chief's Citizens Advisory Council meets regularly with the police chief to address citizen concerns; 703-385-7966.

Pools While the city does not have municipal pools, there are plenty of swimming options available in and around the city.

People may purchase memberships at a number of community pools. These pools are managed by the civic association of the neighborhood in which the pool is located.

- Country Club Hills Pool (3623 Old Post Road; www.cchpool.com)
- Fairfax Pool (4200 Roberts Road; www.fairfaxpool.com)
- Mosby Woods Pool (3134 Plantation Parkway; www.mosbywoodspool.com)

The Oak Marr Recreation Center, located just outside the city at 3200 Jermantown Road in Oakton, has pool facilities; 703-281-6501; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

The George Mason Aquatic and Fitness Center at George Mason University, located on the city's southern border, also has pools; 703-993-3939; www.gmu.edu.

Post Office City residents are served by two post offices. Residents with the zip code 22030 are served by the Fairfax City Post Office, 10660 Page Avenue; (800) 275-8777.

Residents with the zip code 22031 or 22032 are served by the Turnpike Post Office, 3601 Pickett Road; (800) 275-8777.

Property Yard The City of Fairfax Property Yard, 3410 Pickett Road, is the site of the city's Recycling Center, which is open 24 hours a day, every day.

Certain divisions of the Public Works Department, Parks and Recreation Department and Utilities Department are at the Property Yard, including CUE Bus offices, Operations Division, Streets Division, some offices of the Transportation Division and the Water and Sewer Division.

See also: Recycling Service.

Public Works The Public Works Department provides a full spectrum of citizen services. Public Works maintains roadways, curbs, gutters and sidewalks; administers construction contracts; and maintains traffic signals, signs, storm drainage and lighting. The department also is in charge of sanitation, recycling, maintaining facilities and rights-of-way and beautification. Public Works crews also remove snow from city roadways and collect leaves from residential neighborhoods. CUE Bus also is under the purview of Public Works.

See also: Leaf Collection; Recycling Service; Refuse Service; Snow Removal; Storm Drainage; Street Maintenance; Traffic Signals; Traffic Signs

Purchasing Those who wish to bid on projects, services and supplies for the city may place their names on a bid list maintained by the Purchasing Office; 703-385-7875.

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Quick Reference Numbers “Quick Reference Numbers” are listed at the front of this handbook.

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Radon For a free information packet about radon gas, call the Fairfax County Environmental Health and Radon Hotline at 703-246-2541; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Ratcliffe-Allison House and Kitty Pozer Garden Built by Richard Ratcliffe in 1812, the Ratcliffe-Allison House at 10386 Main Street is the oldest house in the City of Fairfax. In 1973, the Ratcliffe-Allison House was the first city-owned building placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The oldest section of the house, the eastern portion, was built by Richard Ratcliffe around 1812, followed by additions in 1824 and 1927.

Behind the house is the Kitty Pozer Garden, named after the woman who gave the house to the city. For open hours and tour information, call 703-385-8414.

Real Estate Assessments, Taxes Real estate in the city is assessed and taxed annually, and payment is due semi-annually on June 21 and December 5.

The Real Estate Assessments Office assesses the value of real property and the City Council sets the tax rate in the annual budget, which is adopted in April. To find out the current tax rate, see the addendum of this handbook or call 703-385-7870.

All assessments reflect the property's fair market value and must be equitable with comparable properties. Real estate assessments are effective January 1 of each year and are at 100 percent of fair market value. As defined in the Commonwealth of Virginia, fair market value is “the price a property will bring when it is offered for sale by one who desires, but is not obligated, to sell it and is bought by one who is under no necessity of having it.”

The City of Fairfax real estate database is available online at the city's website.

Property owners who disagree with their assessments may appeal to the Real Estate Assessments Office and, if necessary, to a three-member Board of Equalization.

For information about real estate assessments, call 703-385-7840. For information on real estate tax payments, call 703-385-7904.

Real estate tax relief benefits are available to eligible senior citizens and permanently disabled city residents. For information, call 703-385-7870.

The city offers a partial real estate tax exemption to residential property owners who substantially renovate their older homes that increases the property's value by at least 15 percent. The exemption is 100 percent of the added value for the first five years after the renovations are completed, then offered on a sliding scale during the next five years. Only renovations completed with the proper permits and inspections are eligible for the exemption. Information: 703-385-7930.

Virginia law has created a real estate tax exemption for totally disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. Under this program, a disabled veteran declared 100 percent service-connected, permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or her/his surviving spouse does not have to pay local real estate taxes assessed on or after January 1, 2011 on the veteran's principal residence. Applications for City of Fairfax resident are available from the Finance Department, Room 312 in City Hall. Information: 703-359-2486.

See also: Businesses; Disability Services; Home Improvement Programs and Services; Taxes; Tax Exemption Programs; Senior Citizens.

Recreation Programs The Parks and Recreation Department provides all age groups with a wide variety of year-round leisure activities.

Programs include classes, trips and a variety of recreational and cultural activities for people of all ages. Information about these programs is available in *The Cityscene*, on Cityscreen-12, in *Leisure Times* and on the website. Information: 703-385-7858.

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The Young at Heart Senior Center offers programs and activities appealing to a wide range of tastes and abilities for adults age 55 and older. The walk-in center in the Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays). The center features a well-equipped exercise room and fitness classes, and off-site trips are frequently scheduled.

Youngsters from pre-school age to ninth grade are eligible for the summer camp program offered in city schools each summer. The popular program features sports and games, swimming, films and field trips, arts and crafts and special events. The eight-week program operates from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays from June through early August. Extended hours are offered from 7-9 a.m. and from 3-6 p.m. in some elementary schools.

The Teen Center is open at Fairfax High School in the summer; 703-385-7858.

See also: Children; Chocolate Lovers Festival; Concerts; Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts; Fall Festival; Fall for the Book; Festival of Lights and Carols; Holiday Craft Show; Independence Day Celebration; Senior Center.

Recycling Service The city offers curbside recycling with its refuse service to single family homes, townhomes and duplexes. Recyclables are collected on the same day as regular trash pickup. To ensure collection, place the blue recycle bin at the curb after dark the night before collection or by 7 a.m. the morning on your collection day.

Recycling is mandatory in the city. Residents can put the following in their bins:

- newspapers, including glossy inserts (bound or bagged)
- magazines and catalogs
- aluminum and other metal beverage and food cans
- glass containers (clear, green or brown)
- all numbered plastic containers
- flattened cardboard (may be set next to the bin)

Phone books are collected year-round at the city's Recycling Center at the Property Yard, 3410 Pickett Road.

Bins are property of the city and should be left at the home when residents move from the property. Residents who need recycle bins should call 703-385-7837. Residents should write their address on their bins.

All residents may take their recyclables to the Recycling Drop-Off Center at the Property Yard, which provides 24-hour drop-off for:

- aluminum and other metal cans
- antifreeze (6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays only)
- automobile and rechargeable batteries
- cardboard
- catalogs and magazines
- glass containers (clear, green or brown)
- newspapers (including glossy inserts)
- "white" paper, mail and envelopes
- phone books
- plastic beverage containers (with narrow necks)
- motor oil and filters (6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays only)

Aluminum cans also are collected at Fire Station 3 and Fire Station 33 as part of the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program. Proceeds from the sale of the cans fund the care of child burn victims.

Electronics may be recycled at the Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road; 703-631-1179. Electric Sundays provide free electronics disposal monthly.

As a health precaution, make sure all recyclables are clean.

For recycling information, call 703-385-7837.

The city publishes the flyer *How to Dispose of Items in the City and Curbside Recycling is Easier Than Ever*. For a copy, call 703-293-7141 or visit the city's website.

All city businesses also are required to recycle. For business recycling information, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7837.

See also: Household Hazardous Waste Disposal; Leaf Collection; Mulch; Refuse Service.

Refuse Service The Public Works Department provides weekly refuse collection at townhouses, duplexes and single-family houses. Information: 703-385-7837.

Household refuse, recycling and yard waste are collected weekly on a single weekday. Trash is not collected on city-observed holidays (see the addendum of this handbook for a list of city-observed holidays). The holiday trash schedule is announced in *The Cityscene*, on Cityscreen-12 and on the city's website.

The city collects the following refuse from the curb:

- household trash
- unmounted tires
- furniture
- recyclables
- yard waste
- brush, tree stumps and oversized yard debris
- non-treated lumber
- appliances (remove doors for safety)
- metal objects
- building materials, debris, treated lumber, concrete, asphalt, shingles, drywall and dirt — certain restrictions apply

Keep like-items separated by type at the curb.

Trash should be placed at the curb no earlier than dusk the day before pickup and cans should be removed from the curb no later than the evening the day of collection. Some items may be at the curb longer — for example, yard debris and do-it-yourself home repair debris can be placed at the curb the weekend before collection.

Refuse as a result of work performed by a contractor is not collected by the city.

Leaves are collected year-round. Leaves must be bagged with yard waste — except in the autumn and in April, when leaves are collected loose at the curb. Collection information is published in city resources, including *The Cityscene*, Cityscreen-12 and the city's website.

Yard debris is collected from the curb year-round. Place plants and yard debris in bags or in trash cans marked “yard waste” at the curb on regular refuse collection days. During curbside leaf collection season, small debris (weeds, twigs, etc.) may be placed in leaf piles for collection.

Christmas trees are collected curbside in January. Remove all decorations, including tinsel and garland. No calls are needed to request this service.

To check disposal regulations, visit the city's website or call 703-385-7837.

The city publishes the flyer *How to Dispose of Items in the City*. For a copy, call 703-293-7141 or visit the city's website.

Household refuse must be packaged in metal or plastic containers with handles and tight-fitting covers. Trash containers should be no larger than 35 gallons. Plastic bags are acceptable. No container may exceed 60 pounds or be taller than five feet.

Disposal options — Residents may take refuse to the Fairfax County Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road. The station is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays (closed holidays). There is a disposal fee. Information: 703-631-1179; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Household hazardous waste — Residents must take household hazardous waste, such as insecticides, oil-based paint, compact fluorescent bulbs and medical waste, to the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Site, 4618 West Ox Road. This site is open 1-5 p.m. Thursdays, 8 a.m. to noon Fridays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Information: 703-324-5068; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Reusable household item recycling — Residents may drop off reusable household items in working order — clean clothes, shoes, small kitchen appliances, books, etc. — in the blue bins at the city's recycling center on Pickett Road. All items must fit inside the bin. Package multiple-pieced items together. No fragile or perishable items, please. Bins are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

See also: Leaf Collection, Recycling Service.

Rent Relief *See: Disability Services; Real Estate Assessments, Taxes; Senior Citizens.*

Rental Occupancy Permits The city requires homeowners to obtain rental occupancy permits and business licenses when they rent out the single-family home, duplex, townhouse or condominium they own.

Rental occupancy permits are issued by the Code Administration Office; 703-385-7830.

When issuing a rental permit, the city will inspect the rental property to ensure it is safe and sanitary. Inspections will be performed when the residence is first rented, preferably prior to its occupancy by tenants. Subsequent inspections will take place every four years.

Whereas rental permits are required only if the house is leased in its entirety, business licenses are required of all homeowners who lease any portion of their residences. For a business license, call the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-385-7880.

For landlord/tenant issues, call the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs at (800) 552-9963; www.vdacs.virginia.gov/consumers.

Residential Use Permits *See Home Occupation Permits.*

Right-of-Way Permits Right-of-way/easements, street repairs, connections, wet taps and other street openings require special permits from the Public Works Department; 703-385-7828.

See also: Special Use Permits.

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Safety Inspections Residents may request a safety inspection or fire safety inspection of their homes. These inspections are offered free of charge. For information, call the Code Administration Office of the Fire Department at 703-385-7830 or the City of Fairfax Police Department at 703-385-7966.

School Board The City of Fairfax has an elected School Board. Voters elect five School Board members to a two-year term. Elections are held in May in even-numbered years. A student representative from Fairfax High School also serves on the board.

The elected School Board executes the school tuition contract, implements the annual operating budget and develops the school facility improvement program.

The School Board holds meetings on the first Monday of each month in the City Hall Annex. School Board work sessions are on the third Monday of the month at Fairfax High School. Residents may attend School Board meetings and work sessions.

School Board meetings and work sessions are open to the public, although work sessions do not provide the public an opportunity to address the School Board. The School Board (and most other boards and commissions) are on hiatus in August.

Meetings usually are televised on Cityscreen-12, the city's television station, which is available both on cable television channel 12 and on the city's website. Televised meetings may be borrowed on DVD from the Community Relations Office (703-385-7855) or from the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library (703-293-6383); reservations are recommended. Meetings also may be downloaded in MP3 and MP4 format from the city's website.

The superintendent of schools, who is appointed by the School Board, is the board's chief executive officer.

For information, contact the Superintendent of Schools Office in the Sisson House adjacent to City Hall; 703-385-7911.

See also: Cityscreen-12; Schools.

Schools By contractual agreement, the Fairfax County Public School System operates city schools and provides educational services for city students; 571-423-1000; www.fcps.edu. The city pays for these services according to a cost formula agreed to in the tuition contract.

The school buildings are owned by the city and city funds are used to improve, construct or renovate buildings.

The School Board, with the assistance of the superintendent of schools, oversees school-related issues.

Virginia law requires that children who have reached their fifth birthday on or

before September 30 be enrolled in kindergarten for that school year beginning in the fall unless their parents or guardians notify the principal of the local school that they do not wish the child to attend.

However, children who will be six years old on or before September 30 must attend school during the school year beginning that fall.

Qualifying parents may elect to provide home instruction for their school-age children in lieu of school attendance; 571-423-4460; www.fcps.edu.

When enrolling a child in public school, parents should take a birth certificate, social security number and proof of residency or equivalent and a transfer slip or report card from the previous school to the new school office. Evidence of immunization and a certificate of physical examination are required for elementary students; 703-876-5219; www.fcps.edu.

To find out in which school to enroll a child, call 703-329-9831 or visit www.fcps.edu/boundary.

The city has four schools:

- Daniels Run Elementary School
3705 Old Lee Highway
703-279-8400; www.fcps.edu/DanielsRunES
- Providence Elementary School
3616 Jermantown Road
703-460-4400; www.fcps.edu/ProvidenceES
- Sidney Lanier Middle School
3801 Jermantown Road
703-934-2400; www.fcps.edu/LanierMS
- Fairfax High School
3501 Rebel Run
703-219-2200; www.fcps.edu/FairfaxHS

Community groups may reserve use of classrooms, the auditorium and the cafeterias at city schools by calling each school.

To schedule use of Fairfax High School facilities, contact the school's community activities director at 703-219-2230.

These parochial and private schools are located in the city:

- The Boyd School (Pre-K-6)
3909 Oak Street, Fairfax, VA 22030
703-934-0920; www.theboydschool.com
- The New School of Northern Virginia (K-12)
9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax, VA 22031
703-691-3040; www.newschoolva.com
- Paul VI High School (9-12)
10675 Fairfax Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22030
703-352-0925; www.paulvi.net
- St. Leo the Great Catholic School (K-8)
3704 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030
703-273-1211; www.saintleothegreatschool.org

See also: *School Board*.

Security Alarm Ordinance Every City of Fairfax business protected by a security alarm system must obtain a permit from the City of Fairfax Police Department to operate it. The city imposes a progressive service charge for false alarms to which police officers respond. Residences protected by security systems do not need a permit but are subject to the false-alarm service charge. Information: 703-385-7950.

Applications for a security alarm permit can be obtained from the Treasurer's Office; 703-385-7900.

Senior Citizens A variety of programs are available for senior citizens in this area. Most services apply to people age 60 and older, but eligibility varies. Programs include adult education classes, employment services, recreation centers (some with low-cost lunches), Meals-on-Wheels, legal and paralegal services, special library facilities, Medicare and Medicaid help and volunteer opportunities. The pamphlet *Services for Older Adults in*

the Fairfax Area is available from the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 708, Fairfax, VA 22035; 703-324-7948; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Area seniors are welcome to participate in programs offered at the city's Senior Center. Located at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, the Senior Center is managed by the Parks and Recreation Department; 703-273-6090.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University offers intellectual and cultural experiences to Northern Virginia residents in their retirement years. OLLI offers classes, forums and other special events and social activities year-round at three different sites, including Tallwood, 4210 Roberts Road; 703-503-3384.

Seniors who wish to volunteer may find opportunities through two resources. The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) matches seniors age 55 and older with volunteer programs based on the individual's interests and skills. Managed by the Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington, RSVP offices are located at 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 506, Arlington, VA 22203; 703-841-3831; www.cdda.net. Volunteer opportunities also are available through Volunteer Fairfax (10530 Page Avenue, Fairfax; 703-246-3460; www.volunteerfairfax.org) and the Virginia Office of Volunteerism (866-239-4868; www.virginiacorps.org).

Suspected abuse, financial exploitation or neglect of elderly people should be reported to Fairfax County Adult Protective Services; 703-324-7450; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

People age 60 and older may ride the city's CUE Bus for a reduced fare. Seniors must have CUE Bus passes issued by the Transportation Office; 703-385-7859.

Special SmarTrip cards that provide discounted fares are available for seniors age 65 and older and people with disabilities, with valid identification, at certain sales locations — *but senior SmarTrip cards are not sold at City Hall*. Information: (888) 762-7874; www.wmata.com.

Real estate tax and rental relief benefits also are available to eligible senior citizens age 65 or older and permanently disabled city residents; 703-385-7870.

The City of Fairfax participates in the federally funded Community Development Block Grant Program, which offers the Home Improvement Loan Program and the Home Repair for the Elderly Program; 703-385-7930.

The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging (AAA) serves older adults, caregivers and people with disabilities in the city, in Fairfax County and the City of Falls Church. The AAA serves as a focal point for aging advocacy and leadership — it plans, coordinates and funds many services provided for older adults. The AAA also has information on senior housing and retirement communities in the area. The goal of the AAA is to improve quality of life and promote independent living for older adults; 703-324-7948.

See also: Attorneys; Assisted Living Residences; CityWheels; Disability Services; Hospitals, Health Facilities; Housing Assistance Programs; SmarTrip Cards; Volunteers.

Sewer The Utilities Department is responsible for operation and maintenance of the sewage collection system in the city. The city contracts with Fairfax County for sewage treatment. The city owns 4.2 million gallons per day of sewer capacity for city-generated sewage treated at the Norman M. Cole, Jr. Pollution Control Plant near Lorton.

Sewer service charges for water and sewer customers are calculated based on the amount of water used during each regular billing period; fees are collected as part of the utility bill. Information: 703-385-7920.

In case of emergency, call 703-385-7920 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. On evenings, weekends and holidays, call 703-385-7924 (TTY: 703-359-2480).

Shelters Temporary shelter for individuals or families in crisis may be available for city residents at a number of locations, including the Bailey's Community Shelter (Falls Church), Embry Rucker Shelter (Reston), Eleanor Kennedy Shelter (Alexandria) or the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter (Fairfax).

Anyone seeking shelter should contact the Fairfax County Department of Family Services; 703-222-0880.

Alternative House offers shelter to youths and runaways; 703-356-6360.

See also: Domestic Violence Assistance; Housing Assistance; Human Services; Social Services; Women's Programs.

Sheriff The city shares a sheriff with Fairfax County and other local communities. The sheriff is an elected official who has criminal and civil jurisdiction in the city and surrounding jurisdictions. The sheriff, elected to a four-year term, is responsible for securing the city's General District Court, County Adult Detention Center and County Pre-Release Center, serving civil processes, and security of the Judicial Center and various county courts. The Sheriff's Office has more than 400 uniformed deputies and civilian employees. The office is located in the Judicial Center at 4110 Chain Bridge Road; 703-246-3227.

Sherwood Community Center *See Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center.*

Signs The location and size of all signs, including temporary banners, real estate signs, construction signs and yard sale signs, are governed by the city's zoning ordinance. In many cases, permits are required.

Signs in the Old Town Historic District and transitional overlay districts require the additional approval of the Board of Architectural Review.

For information, call the Zoning Office at 703-385-7820.

Site Plans Any site work in commercial, industrial or planned development districts requires an approved site plan. For information, call the Zoning Office at 703-385-7820.

Small Claims Court City residents file small claims cases with the Fairfax County General District Court, 4110 Chain Bridge Road; 703-691-7320, then press 4, 2; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

See also: Courts.

SmarTrip Cards SmarTrip cards, sold by Metro, are permanent, rechargeable plastic fare cards for use on CUE Buses, Metro buses and trains and on other local public transit systems. SmarTrip cards cost \$5.

Regular SmarTrip cards may be purchased from the Treasurer's Office in City Hall, Metrorail stations with parking, Metro sales offices, retail outlets and commuter stores. Information: (888) 762-7874; www.wmata.com.

Special SmarTrip cards that provide discounted fares are available for seniors age 65 and older and people with disabilities, with valid identification, at certain sales locations — *but senior SmarTrip cards are not sold at City Hall*. Information: (888) 762-7874; www.wmata.com.

See also: CUE Bus System; Metro.

Smoke Detectors The City of Fairfax Fire Department provides free smoke detectors and batteries to city residents upon request; 703-385-7830.

See also: Fire Department.

Snow Removal The city maintains its own streets and is among the few area jurisdictions to do all its own snow plowing. Crews first salt and sand snow emergency routes, then side streets.

The city's snow emergency ordinance authorizes the city manager to declare a snow emergency that decrees that certain routes must be kept clear for emergency vehicles and snow plows.

All vehicles stranded or stalled on snow emergency routes will be ticketed and towed. These routes are Jermantown Road, Route 123/Chain Bridge Road, Route 236/Main Street, Old Lee Highway, Pickett Road, Route 50/Fairfax Boulevard and Route 29/Lee Highway.

Property owners are responsible for removing snow from their own driveways and sidewalks. Pile snow to the right-hand side of the driveway (as you face the street) so city trucks can push it away from residences. It is against the law to push snow onto city streets. For information during inclement weather, call 703-385-7980.

The most up-to-date information about city government closings and other snow-related news is provided on 703-273-1776, on the city's website or on Cityscreen-12. The Community Relations Office also supplies news to radio and television stations.

See also: Street Maintenance.

Social Media The World Wide Web has many different resources, and the City of Fairfax has established a presence on the social media scene.

The city shares information about city services and programs, news and features — and more — on these social media sites. Information that is shared to these sites also is available on the city’s website. Social media is used to compliment, enhance and more widely share information.

The Community Relations Office has established a city presence at these pages:

- Facebook (www.facebook.com/CityofFairfaxVA)
- Twitter (www.twitter.com/CityofFairfaxVA)
- YouTube (www.YouTube.com/CityofFairfaxVA)

Links to these sites are available on the city’s website.

Additionally, many other city government offices and services also are active on these sites, including the Parks and Recreation Department (and many special events, such as Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts and the Fall Festival), committees (Commission for Women, Environmental Sustainability Committee), historic sites (Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center and the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim) and the Zoning Office, to name a few. Links are available to these pages on the city’s website.

Feel free to follow/like any or all of these and share all information posted there.

Social Security Social Security is administered by the federal government. The nearest office is located at 11212 Waples Mill Road, Suite 105, Fairfax, VA 22030; (800) 772-1213; www.ssa.gov.

Social Services Many financial aid, supportive and rehabilitative services are available to eligible city residents under contract with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services and other regional agencies.

Programs include Medicaid, food stamps, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, adult and child protective services, prevention and employment training services. The department is located at 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 500, Fairfax, VA 22035. Information: 703-324-7500; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

See also: Children; Senior Citizens.

Soil Analysis *See: Extension Services.*

Soliciting *See: Peddling, Canvassing and Soliciting.*

Special Events *See: Chocolate Lovers Festival; Concerts; Fairfax Civil War Weekend; Fall Festival; Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts; Fall for the Book; Festival of Lights and Carols; Holiday Craft Show; Independence Day Celebration.*

Special Use Permits The city’s zoning ordinance specifies particular purposes for which land can be used in each zoning category. Some uses are by right, but others — such as dancing, amusement machines, nursery schools, commercial, recreation, automobile sales and repair and home occupations — are designated “special permit” uses. Depending on the use, these permits require a public hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals or the City Council. For information or an application, call the Zoning Office at 703-385-7820.

See also: Home Occupancy Permits.

Sports Groups *See: Athletic Groups; Children.*

Spotlight on the Arts *See: Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts.*

Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center Located 3740 Old Lee Highway, the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center is the site of some city special events and some Parks and Recreation classes and activities.

Rooms are available to rent by members of the public for meetings and social occasions; 703-385-7858.

Sticker, City *See: Automobiles.*

Storage Sheds, Units Detached storage sheds which are accessory to a single

family dwelling are required to be built to the minimum construction standards of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

A shed that is less than or equal to 150 square feet in area does not require a building permit; those larger are. All sheds, regardless of size are required to have an adequate foundation and are subject to zoning regulations. Information: 703-385-7820.

Placement of accessory storage structures, similar to a backyard shed, is regulated by the City's zoning ordinance. These temporary portable storage units are not permitted in driveways, front yards or on public streets. They may be placed behind a residence and must comply with required setback from the property line. Information: 703-385-7820.

See also: Parking.

Storm Drainage The Public Works Department maintains the city's storm drainage system. To report clogged drains or creeks, call 703-385-7980.

Street Lights Problems with street lights should be reported to the Public Works Department; 703-385-7983. Request a new street light through the Street Division; 703-385-7980. To report problems with the gas lights in Old Town Fairfax, call Operations Division; 703-385-7995.

Street Maintenance The city is responsible for maintaining about 70 miles of local and arterial roads. In addition, the city maintains all its traffic lights, streets and highways, curbs, gutters and sidewalks. The Public Works Department is responsible for patching pavement, snow removal and road resurfacing of primary highways, secondary and residential streets in the city. Private streets, however, are maintained by individual homeowner associations. Information: 703-385-7980.

Substance Abuse Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) provides comprehensive alcohol and drug treatment services for residents of the city. ADS, an agency of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, offers outpatient, residential, family, court-related and other special programs; 703-481-4230; www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Outpatient services are offered at four locations, including the City of Fairfax. These services — which vary in length, type and intensity — include information/referral, consultation, detox, assessment/evaluation, substance abuse education, individual and group counseling, extended treatment and case management. Specialized programs are available for adolescents, young adults, women, individuals with mental health and substance abuse problems, people with HIV/AIDS, and those who speak Spanish.

Summer Concert Series *See: Concerts.*

Summer Recreation Program *See: Recreation Programs.*

T

Taxes The City Treasurer collects all taxes and revenues due to the city and state. The Commissioner of the Revenue determines the taxable value of personal property such as cars, trailers and boats and administers all taxing and licensing laws of the city and state. The Real Estate Assessments Office calculates the value of real estate in the city. All of these offices are located in City Hall.

More than half of the city's general fund revenue is provided through direct city taxes, the largest of which is the real estate tax, based on the market value of land and buildings. The city also taxes tangible personal property, utility bills, cigarettes, hotel-motel occupancy and business licenses. Also, the city collects a tax on meals sold by city restaurants.

City residents do not pay taxes to any other local government.

Real estate tax relief benefits are available to eligible senior citizens and to permanently disabled city residents. Applications are available from the Finance Department from late January until April; 703-385-7870.

See also: Business Property Tax; Cigarette Tax; Gasoline Tax; Income Tax, State and Federal; Personal Property Tax; Real Estate Assessments, Taxes; Taxes; Utility Tax.

Tax Exemption Programs *See: Businesses; Home Improvement Programs and Services; Real Estate Assessments, Taxes; Senior Citizens.*

Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf Services (TTY) For city government offices, dial 7-1-1 to reach the Virginia Relay Center, which enables 24-hour communication between those with and without TTY machines.

Additionally, the City of Fairfax Police Department has a TTY number for both emergency and non-emergency calls: 703-359-2480.

For fire and medical emergencies, 9-1-1 services both voice and TTY calls.

Tenant/Landlord issues For landlord/tenant disputes or problems, contact the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs; (800) 552-9963; www.vdacs.virginia.gov.

Tourism Information The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center offers information for visitors regarding lodging, restaurants, transportation, historic and natural attractions and special events. The gift shop stocks history books, art prints and souvenirs related to Fairfax and Virginia history. The museum, located at 10209 Main Street, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (except New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, half-day Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). Information: 703-385-8414.

Visitors with an interest in the American Civil War will find the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim of great interest. The center interprets the area's history and the Civil War in the greater Fairfax area. The gift shop offers books, art and souvenirs related to the Civil War. Located at 3610 Old Lee Highway, the center is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The center is closed New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, half-day Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Information: 703-591-0560.

Visitor and tourism information also is available from Destination Fairfax; 703-273-6097; www.visitfairfax.com.

See also: Civil War Interpretive Center; Museum; Tours and History Programs.

Tours and History Programs The city's rich history comes alive during the many tours and programs offered by the Historic Resources Office in conjunction with area history groups.

Walking tours of Old Town Fairfax are offered by the Historic Resources Office and by Historic Fairfax City, Inc. Thematic tours also are scheduled, from cemetery tours to neighborhood tours to battleground walks. Most tours are walking tours, but some are conducted by bus and other modes of transportation. There may be a charge for some historic tours. tours are listed on the city's website, on Cityscreen-12 and in *The Cityscene*. For information and reservations, call 703-385-8414.

The Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center is the site of the free monthly Second Sunday Museum Programs. Held at 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month at the museum, the series features discussions, lectures, re-enactments, book readings/signings and more. Some events take place at alternate locations based on the topic, or, due to holidays, on the third Sunday of the month. Information: 703-385-8414.

The Civil War Interpretive Center Series is held monthly at the Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway. These free events contribute to the commemoration of the Virginia sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. Information: 703-591-0560.

Other history-related special events are planned throughout the year, and many historic buildings — including the Ratcliffe-Allison House — are open during city special events; 703-385-8414.

See also: Blenheim; Civil War Interpretive Center; Museum; Ratcliffe-Allison House and Kitty Pozer Garden; Tourism Information.

Traffic Signals The city maintains 61 signalized intersections. Public Works technicians are on-call at all times to correct malfunctioning signals. To report a malfunctioning signal, call 703-385-7987 during business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays). On evenings, weekends and holidays, call the Police Department at 703-385-7924.

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Traffic Signs To report missing or damaged signs to the Public Works Department, call 703-385-7987. To request new traffic signs, call 703-385-6261.

Transportation The Transportation Division of the Public Works Department is primarily responsible for implementing city transportation plans, including the traffic signal system, traffic signs, monitoring of traffic cameras, the CUE Bus system and CityWheels; 703-385-7859.

The Transportation Division works closely with other jurisdictions and regional transportation organizations, including the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

See also: CityWheels; CUE Bus System; Metro.

Trash *See: Recycling Service; Refuse Service.*

Treasurer The Treasurer's Office in City Hall collects taxes and local fees and makes payments on behalf of the city for all approved expenditures.

The Treasurer's Office is responsible for the collection, accounting and management of all forms of revenue. The office sells vehicle decals and collects fees for permits, water and sewer charges and state and estimated income taxes.

The Treasurer's Office also sells regular SmarTrip cards for use on the CUE Bus and other regional transit systems. *Please note: the city does not sell Senior SmarTrip cards.*

The Treasurer also manages the investment of city funds and maintains records of local finances; 703-385-7900.

The Treasurer is elected to a four-year term on odd-numbered years.

See also: CUE Bus; SmarTrip Cards.

Tree Planting The city encourages tree planting, partly through the Public Works Department's residential tree-planting program. In this program, individuals and community groups may purchase white dogwood or purple-leaf flowering plum trees at wholesale prices from the city, which, for no extra cost, will plant the trees in city rights-of-way; 703-385-7838.

See also: Arborist; Extension Services.

Tree Removal Before any tree with a trunk diameter of five inches or larger in the city on any lot larger than a half-acre can be removed from private property, a permit must be obtained from the Zoning Office; 703-385-7820.

Tree removal on private property is the responsibility of the property owner.

If a tree falls in the city's right-of-way and creates an emergency situation — for example, the fallen tree causes injury, knocks down a power line, obstructs traffic or poses a danger to motorists or pedestrians — call 9-1-1 immediately.

If a tree falls in the city's right-of-way and poses no immediate danger or is not blocking the road, call the Street Division; 703-385-7980 (after-hours: 703-385-7924).

If a tree falls in parkland, call the Parks and Recreation Department; 703-385-7858.

If a tree on private property causes damage, owners of the fallen tree that caused the damage is liable for any repair. For information, call the Code Administration Office: 703-385-7830.

Twitter *See: Social Media.*

U

Unemployment To apply for unemployment insurance services, contact the Virginia Employment Commission. In addition to administering the unemployment insurance program, the commission offers free job placement, counseling and special job programs.

The local VEC Workforce Office is at 5520 Cherokee Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22312; 703-813-1300; www.vec.virginia.gov.

USCIS U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides services and

information regarding immigration and citizenship. The local office is located at 2675 Prosperity Avenue, Fairfax, VA 20598; www.uscis.gov.

See also: Citizenship; Green Card.

Utilities These companies supply utility services in the city:

- Cox Communications, Inc.
703-378-8400; www.cox.com/fairfax
- Dominion Virginia Power
888-667-3000; www.dom.com
- Verizon
New Service: 703-954-6222
Repair (lines): 800-275-2355
www.verizon.com
- Washington Gas
703-750-1000; www.washgas.com
- City of Fairfax Utilities Department (water and sewer services)
703-385-7915; www.fairfaxva.gov

To locate city water lines and other underground utilities, contact Miss Utility at least 48 hours in advance of digging; 8-1-1; (800) 257-7777; www.missutility.net.

Utility Tax The utility tax rate is 15 percent of the total amount of the monthly utility bill. A maximum tax of \$15 per month per utility is charged for residential users. A maximum tax of \$500 per month per utility is charged for commercial users.

Additionally, the city levies a tax of 88¢ per line per month for emergency telephone service.

See also: Taxes.

V

Vehicle Information *See: Automobiles.*

Victim/Witness Services Victims of crimes or witnesses of such events may require special services available from the Fairfax County Police Department Victim/Witness Service Section; 703-246-2141. Information also is available from the City of Fairfax Police Department; 703-385-7924.

See also: Children; Hotlines; Senior Citizens; Women's Programs.

Visitor Information *See: Museum; Tourism Information.*

Volunteers There are many opportunities to volunteer for the city government. The Community Relations Office maintains a list of volunteer organizations that offer opportunities for people to become involved in city affairs. The city also seeks assistance of volunteers to help at the city's myriad of annual special events and to serve as representatives on boards and commissions in the city and the region. Information: 703-385-7855.

Volunteer Fairfax provides a volunteer referral service and other programs. The office is located at 10530 Page Avenue. Information: 703-246-3460; www.volunteerfairfax.org.

Volunteer opportunities also are available from the Virginia Office of Volunteerism; (866) 239-4868; www.virginiacorps.org.

Seniors who wish to volunteer may find opportunities through two resources. The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) matches seniors age 55 and older with volunteer programs based on the individual's interests and skills. Managed by the Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington, RSVP offices are located at 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 506, Arlington, VA 22203; 703-841-3831; www.cdda.net.

To join the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, call 703-385-7877; fairfaxvfd.com.

See also: Boards and Commissions.

Voter Registration To vote in city, state and national elections, people must register and must be a United States citizen, 18 years old by the time of the next November

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general election, and a resident of Virginia and the precinct in which they vote. Once registered, a resident may vote in general, special, primary and city elections.

In Virginia, voters do not specify party affiliation.

To register, a Social Security number is required. Military personnel and their spouses may register by mail using Form 76-A furnished by a voting officer or the city registrar. Residents moving from one of the city's six precincts to another must notify the registrar by mail or in person at least 29 days prior to an election.

The city provides registered voters with cards that list the voter's polling location and districts for state and federal representatives.

City residents may register to vote at the General Registrar's Office in the Sisson House adjacent to City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street, from 8:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Individuals also may mail in their voter registration forms. Voter registration forms are available at:

- City Hall: In the second floor lobby all open hours.
- City of Fairfax Regional Library: All open hours.
- Fairfax High School: At the main office during open hours.
- U.S. Post Offices: In the outer lobby 24 hours a day
- General Registrar's Web page on the city website
- Virginia State Board of Elections website at www.sbe.virginia.gov

Voter registration closes 28 days before regular elections or primary elections and six days prior to any special election.

Groups may organize a registration drive in conjunction with the General Registrar's office; be sure to submit the request in writing three days before the desired date.

W

Walking Tours *See: Tours and History Programs.*

Water The city owns and operates its own water supply system, a 200 million gallon raw water impoundment and water treatment plant on Goose Creek in Loudoun County. In the event of a drought, additional capacity is provided by a 1.3 billion gallon side storage reservoir on Beaverdam Creek.

Once water is treated and ready to send to customers, it is conveyed to the city by a 25-mile transmission line that also serves parts of eastern Loudoun County and parts of Fairfax County. The city's water system also is interconnected with surrounding jurisdictions.

To request water service, new residents should contact the water billing clerk at 703-385-7915. There is a \$35 charge for this initiation of service and a \$40 deposit, the latter of which is applied with interest to the final bill on the account; 703-385-7920.

The Treasurer's Office collects payments for water and sewer services; 703-385-7900.

To report a water emergency, call 703-385-7920 during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays). On evenings, weekends and holidays, call 703-385-7924 (TTY: 703-359-2480).

Website The city has a World Wide website with information about the city and links to community resources: www.fairfaxva.gov.

The site, managed by the Information Technology Office, offers a wealth of information — including CUE Bus schedules, concerts and special events information, City Council agendas, Cityscreen-12 programs and e-mail addresses for elected officials.

Additionally, many city services are provided online. Web users may pay taxes, register vehicles for personal property taxes, peruse real estate records, read the City Code and more. The city's website provides links to other sites of importance.

The site continues to evolve as new information is added. Information: 703-385-7896.

See also: Information Technology.

Weed Violations *See: Overgrown Lots / Vegetation.*

Willard Health Center *See: Health Department, Health Services.*

Wills and Estate Administration The probate of an estate takes place in the circuit court in the county where the person resided at her/his time of death.

The Fairfax County Probate Office is located at the Fairfax County Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road. Appointments are required to meet with a probate officer; call 703-691-7320, then press 3, 6, 3.

An *Administration of Estate* booklet is available at the Probate Office or on the Web at www.fairfaxcounty.gov. To request the booklet by mail, send a written request and a self-addressed 6x9 envelope, complete with first-class postage, addressed to Fairfax County Circuit Court, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, Attention Probate Division.

Women's Programs The Commission for Women acts as an advocate for women in the City of Fairfax and conducts educational programs of interest to women. For information, call the Human Services Office; 703-385-7894.

Temporary emergency shelter and counseling for battered women and their children is available 24 hours a day at the Women's Shelter; 703-435-4940.

Counseling, emergency assistance and advocacy for women who are victims of sexual assault or spouse abuse are provided 24 hours a day by the Victim Assistance Network; 703-360-7273; www.vaonline.org.

The Women's Center is a private non-profit organization that offers a wide range of programs and services, from counseling and lawyer referrals to seminars on money management and coping with stress. The center is located at 133 Park Street, N.E., Vienna. Information: 703-281-2657; www.thewomenscenter.org.

Work Permits Work permits are required for students younger than age 16 and may be obtained at the student's high school. Students must be accompanied by a parent when applying. While there is no fee, students must have a physical examination before the permit is issued. For information and application forms, call Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run; 703-219-2200.

World Wide Web *See: Website.*

Y

YouTube *See Cityscreen-12; Community Relations Office; Social Media.*

Youth Groups *See: Children.*

Z

Zoning *See: Community Development and Planning.*

Zoning Map Amendments Applications to change a property's zoning require a public hearing before the Planning Commission and City Council. The City Council must give final approval. Information: 703-385-7820.

Zoning ordinance information is available from the Community Development and Planning Department; 703-385-7820.

Zoning maps are available from the Public Works Department; 703-385-7817.

Zip Codes The City of Fairfax does not have an exclusive zip code. The three zip codes in the city are 22030, 22031 and 22032, all of which are shared with Fairfax County.

Information: (800) 275-8777, then press 1, 3, 2; www.usps.com.

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Elected Officials

City Elected Officials

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Fairfax, VA 22030
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Fairfax, VA 22030
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703-691-2028 (fax)

Commissioner of the Revenue (2010-13)

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Fairfax, VA 22030
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Treasurer (2010-13)

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Fairfax County Officials Elected by City Voters

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Commonwealth Attorney (2012-15)

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Fairfax, VA 22030
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Clerk of the Court (2008-11)

John T. Frey
Fairfax County Circuit Court
4110 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, VA 22030
703-246-2770

State Elected Officials

Governor (2010-13)

Robert F. "Bob" McDonnell
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd floor
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-2211
<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/TheAdministration/contactGovernor.cfm>

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102 Governor Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-2078
ltgov@ltgov.state.va.us

Attorney General (2010-13)

Kenneth T. Cuccinelli II
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Delegate, 37th District (2012-13)

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Vice President (2009-12)

Joseph R. Biden
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Washington, DC 20500
202-456-1414
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U.S. Senator (2009-14)

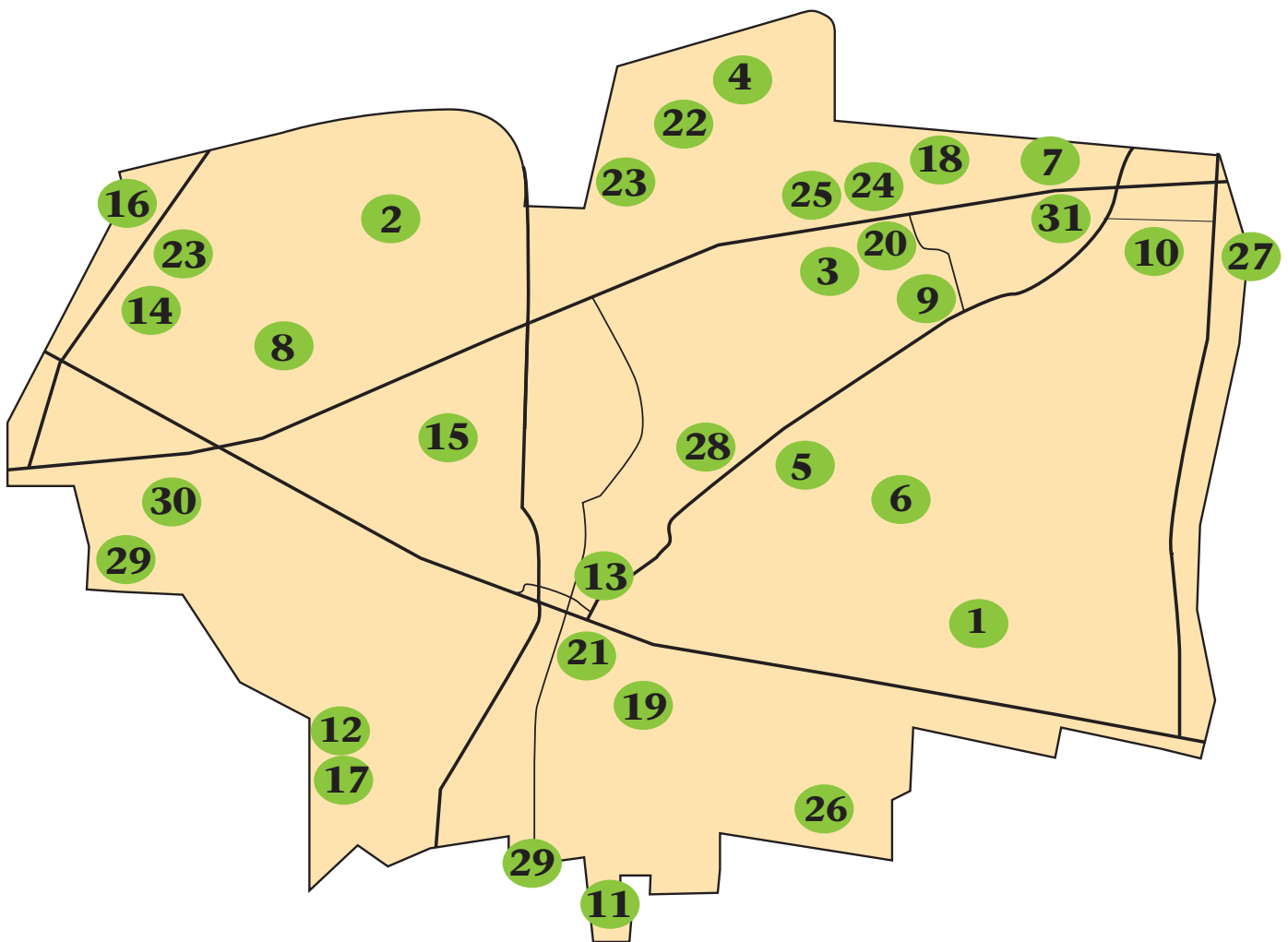
Mark R. Warner
B40C Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Washington, D.C. 20515
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<https://forms.house.gov/connolly/contact-form.shtml>



City Parks, Fields and Open Space

1. Ashby Pond Conservatory Site, 9817 Ashby Road — natural pond, gazebo, picnic tables, benches
2. Cobbdale Park, 3600 Burrows Avenue at Howerton Avenue — playground equipment
3. Country Club Hills Commons, 10050 Spring Lake Terrace — picnic shelter, benches
4. Dale Lestina Park, 3157 Plantation Parkway — playground equipment
5. Daniels Run Elementary School, 3705 Old Lee Highway — playground equipment, practice soccer fields, softball fields, indoor activity rooms
6. Daniels Run Park, Embassy Lane, Estel Road, Heritage Lane and Tetrich Boulevard — bike/hike/jog trail, picnic shelter, small tot lot
7. Draper Drive Park, 9797 Beech Drive — bike trail/hike/jog trail, two synthetic multipurpose turf fields, playground equipment
8. Fairchester Woods Park, 10836 Warwick Avenue — basketball court, park benches, playground equipment
9. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run — baseball fields, softball fields, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, racquetball courts, tennis courts, outdoor track, weight rooms
10. Gateway Regional Park, 3333 Old Pickett Road — bike trail pavilion, park benches
11. Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road — outdoor basketball court, Little League field, playground equipment, soccer fields, indoor activity rooms
12. Jester property, adjacent to Providence Park — undeveloped open space
13. Kitty Pozer Garden, 10386 Main Street — benches
14. Kutner Park, 3901 Jermantown Road — hiking trail, horseshoe pit, picnic shelter, play equipment, soccer field, tennis court, volleyball court
15. Pat Rodio Park, 3800 Keith Avenue — football field, Little League fields, playground equipment
16. Providence Elementary School, 3616 Jermantown Road — Little League fields, outdoor basketball court, practice football fields, playground equipment, softball fields
17. Providence Park, 10715 West Drive — large paved basketball court, bike/hike trail, picnic shelter, playground equipment, tennis court
18. Ranger Road Park, 9701 Ranger Road — paved basketball court, picnic area, playground equipment
19. Ratcliffe Park, 10300 Sager Avenue — basketball courts, Little League field, small multipurpose field, playground equipment
20. Rebel Run property, 9985 Fairfax Boulevard — undeveloped open space
21. Sager Trail, 10318 Sager Avenue — undeveloped open space with fully accessible wooded walking path between Sager Avenue and Route 236/Main Street
22. Shiloh Street Park, 10400 Shiloh Street — playground equipment, hiking trail
23. Sidney Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road — indoor and outdoor basketball courts, soccer fields, Little League field, indoor activity rooms
24. Stafford Drive Park, 3300 Stafford Drive — barrier-free playground, fully accessible walking trail, rectangular synthetic turf field
25. Stafford East Park, 3255 Stafford Drive — undeveloped open space
26. Ted Grefe Park, 9980 Mosby Road — undeveloped open space
27. Thaiss Memorial Park, 3401 Pickett Road — Little League fields, picnic shelter, playground equipment
28. Van Dyck Park, 3720 Old Lee Highway — lighted basketball court, exercise trail, multipurpose play areas, picnic shelters, playground equipment, lighted tennis courts, sand volleyball court, future location of city community center
29. Westmore Elementary School, 11000 Berry Street — outdoor basketball court, Little League/softball field, playground equipment, soccer/football practice field, indoor activity rooms
30. Westmore Park, 4030 Fern Street — basketball court, picnic shelter, playground equipment, practice tennis court
31. Willcoxon Park, 9725 Fairfax Boulevard — hiking trail, benches

Annual Events in the City of Fairfax

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Month	Event Name	General Description
March	Chocolate Lovers Festival	Festival featuring chocolate in its many forms: edible artistic, etc. (703-385-1661)
April	Spring Cleanup Month	Public and private outdoor cleaning (703-385-7995)
Mid-April through early May	Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts	Visual and performing arts activities featuring local artists and emerging cultural groups (703-352-ARTS)
May	Fairfax Civil War Day	Events highlighting and celebrating Fairfax history including Civil War encampment and Civil War-era activities (703-385-8414)
May-October	Farmers Markets	Home-grown produce, home-baked goods, plants, crafts (Saturdays and Sundays: 703-430-6164)
June	National Trails Day	Celebrates National Trails Day with walks on city trails (703-385-7858)
June - July	Summer Concert Series	City of Fairfax Band concerts at the Veterans Amphitheater and Old Town Village (703-757-0220)
July 4	Independence Day	Patriotic parade with bands and floats, Fire Department activities, tours of historic buildings, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open house, evening entertainment, fireworks — in years when July 4 falls on a Sunday, events may be scheduled for July 3 or 5 (703-385-7858)
August	National Night Out	Safety officials visit neighborhoods to introduce safety workers, demonstrate and display safety equipment (703-385-7960)
September	Fall for the Book	Festival supporting literature and literacy, featuring readings and other book-related events (703-993-3986)
September (fourth Saturday)	Irish Folk Festival	Day-long fair with Irish entertainment and fare in Old Town and central Fairfax locations (703-385-7858)
September through June	Children's Performance Series	Entertainment geared toward children on the first and third Mondays in Old Town Hall (703-352-ARTS)
October (second Saturday)	Fall Festival	Day-long outdoor fair with arts & crafts vendors, entertainment and food in Old Town Fairfax (703-385-7858)
late September/early October	Taste of the Vine	Wine tasting, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, silent auction and more to benefit city historic resources (703-385-8414)
October through April	Bonita Lestina Performance Series	Free musical concerts and art performances at Old Town Hall (703-352-ARTS)
November (third weekend)	Holiday Craft Show	Craft fair with art & crafts vendors, food, Santa and more at Fairfax High School (703-385-7858)
December (first Saturday)	Festival of Lights & Carols	Holiday lights, children's activities, Yule log, music, tree lighting, visits with Santa, refreshments (703-385-7858)

City Government Holidays

City government offices are closed on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- George Washington Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve (offices close at noon)
- Christmas Day

Meeting Schedule

First Week of the Month

Monday

School Board, 7:30 p.m.
703-385-7911

Spotlight on the Arts, 7:30 p.m.
703-352-ARTS

Tuesday

City Council (work session), 7 p.m.
703-385-7935

Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.
703-385-7820

Wednesday

Environmental Sustainability Committee,
6:30 p.m.
703-385-7930

Board of Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
703-385-7930

Second Week of the Month

Monday

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
703-385-7930

Tuesday

City Council, 7 p.m.
703-385-7935

Wednesday

Historic Fairfax City, Inc., 7:30 p.m.
703-385-8415

Thursday

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board,
7 p.m.
703-385-7858

Third Week of the Month

Monday

School Board (work session), 7:30 p.m.
703-385-7911

Tuesday

Commission for Women, 7:15 p.m.
703-385-7894

Commission on the Arts, 7:30 p.m.
703-352-ARTS

Wednesday

Economic Development Authority, 6:30 p.m.
703-385-7862

Board of Architectural Review, 7 p.m.
703-385-7930

Thursday

Independence Day Celebration Committee,
7:30 p.m.
703-385-7858
(except July and December)

Fourth Week of the Month

Monday

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
703-385-7930

Tuesday

City Council, 7 p.m.
703-385-7935

Thursday

Community Appearance Committee, 7 p.m.
703-385-7995
(except August and November)

Notes

Please note: most city boards and commissions are in recess in August, unless otherwise announced.

City of Fairfax Statistical Profile

Notes

Demographics

Population (2010).....	22,565
Households (2010)	8,680
Average household size (2008)	2.77 persons
Median household income (2008)	\$97,900
Per capita personal income (2007).....	\$44,504
Registered voters (2010)	14,937
Public school membership (2010)	2,905
Educational attainment	
High school graduate or higher (2008)	93.1 percent
Bachelor's degree or higher (2008).....	53.2 percent
Graduate or professional degree (2008)	23.8 percent
Labor force (2010).....	14,894
Unemployment rate (2009)	5.7 percent
Employees working in city (2010).....	19,877
Employers in city (2010)	1,645

Housing/Infrastructure

Housing (2011)

<i>Type of housing unit</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Average assessed value</i>
Single family detached	4,883	\$473,429
Single family attached.....	158	\$709,439
Duplex	278	\$258,349
Townhouses	980	\$422,757
Condominiums	1,110	\$176,262
City land area	6.3 square miles	
Public open space	488 acres	
Arterial roads.....	16 miles	
Collector/local roads.....	54 miles	
Sewer line	97 miles	
Water lines.....	182 miles	

Financial

Total assessed value of real property (excluding exemptions)	
2001	\$2.48 billion
2002	\$2.85 billion
2003	\$3.31 billion
2004	\$3.75 billion
2005	\$4.44 billion
2006	\$5.44 billion
2007	\$5.60 billion
2008	\$5.64 billion
2009	\$5.36 billion
2010	\$4.98 billion
2011	\$5.08 billion
2012	\$5.22 billion
Tax rates (2011)	
Real property	\$1.01 per \$100 of assessed value
Personal property	\$4.13 per \$100 of assessed value